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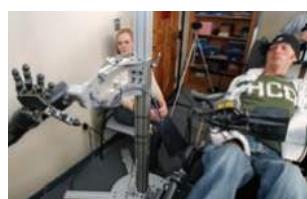
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Rota, Tinian pushed as 'divert airfields'

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Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider (R-Tinian) separately recommended the use of Rota or Tinian, respectively, as an alternative site for a U.S. Air Force airfield to help support not only the military but also the civilian community.



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Some Republican Party members claim betrayal

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For some CNMI Republican Party lawmakers and supporters, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who left the GOP in 2001 to form a new party for his gubernatorial bid, "should not be made to lead the same party he had betrayed."

House minority leader Joseph

Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said yesterday that instead of strengthening the GOP, Fitial essentially chased out those who have been loyal to the Republican Party.

"Did he bring in more or chased out more? Is GOP really gaining? I feel betrayed, and I am not the only one. Our

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DELEGATION SESSION

Tinian Legislative Delegation chair and Senate Vice President Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian), left, stresses a point during yesterday afternoon's delegation session wherein they passed two local bills and briefly discussed the island's projected revenue in fiscal year 2012. [See story on Page 4](#)

'Some retirees get nearly \$100K a year'

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The CNMI's troubled retirement program gives some retirees close to \$100,000 in pension every year, according to NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez.

Speaking at the weekly Saipan Rotary Club meeting

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yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Villagomez said the amount is being compounded

by the cost-of-living-allowance mandated by law.

The Fund has about 2,800 beneficiaries composed of retirees, spouses, and surviving children. Last fiscal year, the agency paid out a total of \$63 million to cover all benefits.

According to Villagomez, the nearly \$100,000 pension check

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Lawyer: DHS assured no deportation for Macaraeg

» Park says due process a very important issue

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The Department of Homeland Security has assured that Elpidio A. Macaraeg, a Filipino maintenance worker who has been on

Saipan for 26 years and has been in detention for a month now, will not be deported until his motion to reopen proceedings is heard by the Immigration Court, according to immigration lawyer

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‘We’re paying out much, much more than what’s being received’

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The NMI Retirement Fund is able to meet only half of the recommended 60.9 percent contribution rate, a problem that has built up over the years, according to administrator Richard Villagomez.

“You’re not getting enough money to support the system and we’re paying out much, much more than what’s being received,” Villagomez said at the Rotary Club of Saipan general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency yesterday.

Given the “significant gap” between what the system requires against what is actually being

contributed, Villagomez warned that the Fund will soon run out of money if it does not receive additional contributions.

Comparing the Fund’s status to other Micronesian islands, Villagomez said that Palau has a 26.8 percent recommended contribution rate versus its 6 percent actual contribution rate, while the neighboring island of Guam has a recommended contribution rate of 24.8 percent versus its actual contribution rate of 21.5 percent.

The administrator cited two “big factors” in the difference between the CNMI’s and Guam’s recommended contribution rates: covered payroll

and increase in liabilities.

According to Villagomez, covered payroll refers to members of the defined benefit requirement plan that was closed out when the law that created the defined contribution plan was enacted. “So the number of people or members of the defined benefit plan will continue to shrink as people retire, refund, or move on,” he said.

As people retire, Villagomez said the Fund incurs more liabilities, causing them to pay out more. “It’s actually a combination of those two factors that really push off our percentage to 60.9 percent,” he added.

When asked whether the high

recommended contribution rate is also brought by the Fund’s generosity in giving benefits, Villagomez replied, “Yes, that could be a contributing factor.”

Restructuring benefits

Based on a report by former Fund consultant Wilshire Consulting, Villagomez said the restructuring of retiree benefits is the “only choice” to lengthen the life of the Fund, which they expect to run out of money “in about two and a half years based on the current trend.”

Villagomez said the Fund currently issues checks to some 2,800 beneficiaries.

While there are other solutions available to restore the

Fund’s solvency like plan assets and future returns as well as future contributions, Villagomez noted that the probability of these two options happening is either “zero” or “close to zero.”

“The immediate solution for now, at least to buy time, is to restructure the benefits,” said Villagomez, who added but did not elaborate that there are legal and constitutional issues to this solution.

\$63 million payout

Citing unaudited figures, Vil-

lagomez disclosed that the estimated benefits the Fund paid out last year was \$63 million. Of this amount, about \$53 million was spent in the CNMI, which is 5.5 percent of the Commonwealth’s reported gross domestic product of \$962 million in 2009.

“In two and a half years, when we stop paying pensions or not able to pay pensions, we’re looking at estimating about 10 percent of consumer spending to be taken out or cease to exist in the economy,” added Villagomez.

4 firms interested in Fund’s investment consultant job

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Four off-island companies have expressed interest in becoming the NMI Retirement Fund’s next investment consultant.

Administrator Richard Villagomez said yesterday that these four firms responded to the Fund’s announcement and have already turned in their proposals. He declined to name the proposers.

The Fund’s last investment consultant, Wilshire Consulting, terminated its contract after only a year following the signing into law of the Beneficiaries’ Derivative Act, which allows retirees to sue the Fund’s money managers.

Without an investment consultant, the Fund board is stymied from making decisions on its investments. As a temporary measure, the board decided to liquidate all of the Fund’s investments and move them to CDARS, or certificate of deposit account registry service.

During yesterday’s meeting at

the Saipan Rotary Club, Villagomez was told about a company that wants to service the Fund and may submit a proposal with the condition that it would only take effect if the Beneficiaries Derivative Act is repealed.

Villagomez said that the Fund cannot consider that proposal “responsive” because the agency has no control over the Legislature. “How fast [the repeal] happens, only time will tell.”

A bill proposing to repeal the Act is now pending at the Legislature.

As of Oct. 25, the Fund’s portfolio was valued at \$264,497.211. Villagomez disclosed that some Fund monies are still in mutual funds, while some (\$134.2 million) are in cash.

Villagomez said it is the intention of the Fund to move to the CDARS program as quickly as possible and are now finalizing the paperwork. However, all these processes may be stopped, he said, depending on the recommendation of any new consultant the Fund hires.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes (September 23, 2011)
- II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Freedom Air
 - a. Passenger Facility Charges
 - b. Airline Use Agreement
 - 2. DFS Saipan Limited’s request
 - 3. Committee Report on Rules & Regulations
 - a. Procurement Regulations
 - b. Personnel Regulations
 - 4. SIA High Roof Drainage Improvements A/E Amendment No. 2
 - 5. SIA Restroom Repairs & Water Pump Upgrade CM Amendment No. 1
 - 6. Personnel Matter: Contract Renewals
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ **MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ**
Acting Chairman, Board of Directors

November 8, 2011

ACCJC team on island to validate NMC's report

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A three-member team from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges are on island for a three-day visit to the Northern Marianas College.

The team is here to validate the contents of the report the college submitted to the commission on Oct. 15 as a requirement to address its probation status.

Saipan Tribune learned that

Brilliant Star and Whispering Palms to host annual yard sale

Brilliant Star Montessori School and Whispering Palms School are teaming up once more for the Annual Yard Sale on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 8am to noon at the Whispering Palms School next to Navy Hill baseball field.

Richard Sikkel, principal of Brilliant Star Montessori, said their school has been organizing the yearly garage sale since 2004 but the two private schools have only worked together in the last two years.

The event will be a good venue to buy used books, toys, electronics, furniture, clothes, shoes, baby gear, and other items for sale, all of which are donated by students and parents from both schools. Pastries and coffee will also be on sale at the event.

Sikkel said the two schools will divide the proceeds, with their school using the funds to update its playground. (Clarissa V. David)

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the group has been meeting since Monday with NMC president Sharon Hart and her management team, which assists the members in their campus inspection. The group also had a series of meetings with students and employees, it was learned.

Today, the team is expected to meet with the Board of Regents

at 10am.

Regents chair Juan Lizama refused to comment on the team's visit, citing the commission's confidentiality rule.

The college, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, declined to confirm the visiting group's schedule.

"Due to ACCJC's Policy on

and other accreditation documents accessible on the NMC website once the commission indicates that it is appropriate to do so.

NMC's report on Oct. 15 builds upon the information the institution submitted in prior months. This report presents evidence of its continuing and sustainable efforts to comply with accrediting requirements and standards.

It said that the college will make the visiting team report

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Tinian delegation begins work on 2012 budget; OKs 2 bills

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz zeroed out funding for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and asked for more than \$580,000 for the Office of the Mayor in his proposed fiscal year 2012 budget of some \$2 million. But Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian) said

yesterday the panel will decide on the island's budget after affected agencies are heard.

Dela Cruz, in his letter to the delegation, believes that the commission will submit their 2012 budget request and revenue projection directly to the delegation and the Tinian Municipal Council.

The Tinian delegation discussed briefly the island's 2012 budget during yesterday's ses-

sion wherein they also passed two local bills now headed for Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's desk.

But the lawmakers decided to hold off further discussion on the budget until after a meeting on Tinian on Thursday.

Acting Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission chair Ignacio Quichochio did not want to comment yesterday on the mayor's budget plan.

Dela Cruz said a substantial

amount of his proposed budget will be used to pay outstanding debt. These include payments to the NMI Retirement Fund, vendors and retroactive salaries. The budget request also includes funding for the Tinian Municipal Scholarship and medical referral.

"Both programs experienced funding shortfalls in 2011 and will require a more consistent funding source to ensure its sustainability," Dela Cruz said. "Fi-

nally, it is also imperative that funds be available for operations to subsidize our departments in the event that the CNMI budget allotments are reduced."

During yesterday's session, the delegation passed Rep. Trenton Conner's (R-Tinian) House Local Bill 17-46, with amendment.

Conner's bill appropriates \$35,000 from the developer infrastructure tax collected on Tinian for the use of the Department of Public Works to repair the "unpaved and frequently used roads

in Marpo Heights, Marpo Heights 2 and Carolinas."

The delegation also passed Conner's HLB 17-59, appropriating \$41,813 from poker and pachinko slot machines' local license fees for Tinian patients and school expenses.

Of the total amount, \$27,000 is appropriated for certain Tinian patients' monthly subsistence allowance, and \$14,813 for Tinian Elementary School for expenses related to a Chamorro Language Competition held in Guam.

ROTA

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The senators' letters were in response to the U.S. Air Force's request for comments on its preparation of an environmental impact statement related to developing a "divert airfield alternative location to Andersen Air Force Base."

The planned airfield would be used as an alternative landing site that will support joint military training and exercises and humanitarian relief operations.

Manglona, in a Nov. 7 letter to U.S. Air Force Capt. Kimber-

ly Bender, said he is "strongly recommending" the CNMI, specifically "Rota" as an alternative site.

Hofsneider, in an interview, said he also sent a letter recommending Tinian as an alternative, citing the U.S. Department of Defense's 99-year lease of two-thirds of land on Tinian.

"There's runway that is readily available but will need a little rehabilitation, and it is only fitting...because it is strategically located as we do also have our harbor that may be significant to the military realignment in the Pacific," he said.

Hofsneider, chair of the

Tinian Legislative Delegation, said funding requirement may be significantly lower for Tinian compared to those of other islands because of the infrastructure that is partially ready.

Manglona, in his letter, said that Rota is the southernmost island in the CNMI chain of islands, and its airport has the closest airfield to Guam's Andersen Air Force Base.

"The airport's limited flight schedule also satisfies the United States Air Force's need for any unscheduled landings. Moreover, Rota has large amounts of readily available land. Specifically, the Rota Airport is sur-

rounded by undeveloped land, away from any cultural artifacts, and perfect for housing and development," Manglona said.

He assured that the Rota community will welcome the military and humanitarian missions of the U.S. Air Force.

Manglona said Rota also has a capable workforce and the increased military presence, if any, would be a great help to the island's economy and its people, "who have greatly suffered since the recent economic downfall."

"Based on the foregoing, I respectfully submit that Rota is unique in its ability to support

the strategic requirements of U.S. Forces around the globe, including humanitarian airlifts during natural disasters and the USAF's readiness mandate for forward-deployed forces in the western Pacific. Additionally, Rota is surrounded by neighboring islands that are also unique, providing the Air Force with a variety of locations to choose from. Regardless of its final decision, I offer my full support for the USAF's proposed action in the CNMI," he added.

The U.S. Air Force held open house scoping meetings in October on Saipan, Tinian and Rota on the matter. The meetings

were held to support an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed, and for identifying the significant issues related to the preparation of an EIS "aimed at assessing the potential environmental impacts from proposed development of divert capabilities within the Mariana Islands."

Scoping meetings helped inform the public of the proposed action and National Environmental Policy Act process and give residents an opportunity to submit written and oral comments on the scope, environmental resources, and local issues to be addressed in the EIS.

GOP

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supporters also feel betrayed by party officials," Deleon Guerrero said.

He questioned how Fitial and his core group could promote unity when they failed to give courtesy to Republican incumbents about a meeting and amendments to bylaws.

Deleon Guerrero, a longtime Republican, likened Fitial to a military leader who betrayed and abandoned his troops, only to lead them again.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said yesterday that Fitial's betrayal of the party he's now leading is disenfranchising a lot of loyal party members and supporters.

"Betray me once, shame on

you. Betray me twice, shame on me," he said.

For those silent Republicans who share his sentiments, Tebuteb said he wishes that "they would at least state their point, whatever they feel."

Deleon Guerrero said "it's time to be brutally honest about what's happening."

He said he will serve his current term as a Republican and serve his precinct and the CNMI, but in the next election, he "may" run as an independent.

Just like the others, Tebuteb and Deleon Guerrero expressed disappointment with those who organized Saturday's meeting for not inviting incumbents and all party officials to the supposedly party meeting and for failing to inform them about changes to the party's bylaws.

They said the changes included lifting a prohibition on sitting elected officials from becoming party president, hence allowing Fitial to become president.

Tebuteb reiterated that he's still a Republican, but a lot of things can happen between now and the next election.

Former Republican Party president Juan I. Tenorio, when asked for comment yesterday, said he's not surprised about the selection of Fitial as new party president, and thinks that it was "orchestrated." Tenorio had been a loyal Republican for some 40 years.

"They came with unnecessary amendments without first presenting all the recommended amendments to the whole executive committee to debate and discuss those items, and then present those to the general

membership," he said.

Tenorio reiterated that he has quit politics, but shared his personal opinion about Saturday's surprise selection of Fitial as party president. GOP president Juan N. Babauta had stepped down to devote his time to being the chief executive officer of the new Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Babauta was Fitial's opponent during the past two gubernatorial elections. Fitial later made Babauta one of his special advisers under a \$1-a-year contract.

On the other hand, Tenorio said he does not doubt that Fitial's relationship with members of the Republican National Committee will help advance the CNMI and the party's interests in the nation's capital. Tenorio was the president when Fitial was re-accepted into the

GOP in January. Tenorio quit the party and politics in July.

Of all Republican lawmakers, only Senate Vice President Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian) was invited to the Saturday meeting.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said yesterday he's surprised when he read in the news that there was a Saturday meeting.

"They knew where to find me and the other lawmakers. ... I was wondering whether I was ousted from the party. They should have at least given us the courtesy to be informed about the meeting and the changes to the bylaws," said Palacios, a long-time Republican.

Palacios said he is leaning toward not seeking re-election, when asked whether he would still run under the Republican Party.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) also said they were not aware of the Republican meeting during the weekend and the changes to the bylaws.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday he has not considered rejoining the Republican Party just because Fitial is now its president.

Fitial founded and headed the CNMI Republican Party until he formed his own Covenant Party for his gubernatorial bids in 2001 and 2005. Babauta ran against Fitial in these two elections. Fitial was re-accepted to the Republican Party early this year, and called on other Covenant Party members to follow him. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other Covenant members remain with the Covenant Party.

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of some retirees is the highest paid by the Fund, while minimum pension benefit amounts to only \$6,000 a year.

Surprised by the huge amounts provided to some retirees, Rotary members sought an explanation as to how the Fund

came up with the amounts.

"On an annual basis, the smallest pension is \$6,000 because that's the minimum set by the law while the highest pension is close to \$100,000, if not more. How to qualify for this \$100,000 pension? Well, the basic calculation is your pension base is about 50 percent of what your earnings are," he explained.

Obviously, he said, a member

should be earning a lot more than \$100,000 to receive that amount of pension. But because there are no government jobs in the Commonwealth that pay \$200,000, Villagomez said that the pension benefit continues to increase every year due to the compounding effect of COLA.

"This means if they are retirees for 15 years or 20 years, the COLA were added every year to

their pension base," he said.

Saipan Tribune learned that among retirees who get high pension checks are retired judges and justices and retired government officials.

Although the Legislature has repealed the COLA law, it still requires the Fund board to vote every year whether to provide COLA or an annual retirement bonus to members every year.

In fiscal year 2011, the board approved to give out an annual bonus because it has no compounding effect on the base pension of members.

Fund board chair Sixto Igitomar earlier said that the only time the Fund can provide additional benefits is when the pension plans' funding level is at 80 to 100 percent. At present, the Fund's \$264 million portfo-

lio represents a funding level of just 38 percent, he said.

Igitomar said the Fund wants to eliminate the distribution of any of the two. "Whatever you call it—COLA or bonus—we are trying to stay away from it because the only time we will be heading toward COLA or bonus is if we actually hit the 80 to 100 percent funding level and we're not," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

LAWYER

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Mun Su Park.

"It's a very important issue—due process," Park told *Saipan Tribune*.

Park disclosed that a DHS investigator informed him yesterday morning that the removal proceeding has been opened and that a \$5,000 bond is set for Macaraeg's temporary release.

The lawyer said he will see Macaraeg at the Department of

Corrections today, Wednesday, to discuss the bail and see if they can ask the Immigration Court to reduce the amount.

Park said they were able to stop Macaraeg's deportation after they filed the emergency motion to reopen proceedings and rescind the *in absentia* order of removal entered on Oct. 4, 2011.

Park also filed a motion for automatic stay of removal/deportation.

Records indicate that Park's law office filed the motions on Oct. 31, 2011.

Rene Reyes, founding president of the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or MAHAL, told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday that Immigration and Customs agents had informed Macaraeg that he would be deported on Monday, Nov. 7.

Reyes said he went to the Department of Corrections Monday night and saw that Macaraeg had not been deported.

ICE agents arrested Macaraeg last month when he did not appear at his immigration hearing due to confusion about his

hearing date.

In an earlier visit to the facility, Reyes found Macaraeg in a wheelchair as his legs were swelling due to arthritis.

In the motions, Park said that, on Aug. 16, 2011, Macaraeg was served with a written notice of a hearing that clearly set it for Oct. 9, 2011, at 10am.

Oct. 9 falls on a Sunday and the following day, Oct. 10, is also a non-working federal holiday.

Nonetheless, Park said, Macaraeg, accompanied by a friend (Reyes) went back the

next day, Oct. 11, to the court for the same purpose of verifying his hearing date.

"It was then that they found out from an immigration court employee that the court conducted the hearing on the respondent's case on Oct. 4, 2011, and not Oct. 9, 2011, as shown in the hearing notice dated Aug. 16, 2011," Park said.

Park said the court employee insisted that Macaraeg's hearing date was Oct. 4, 2011.

Saipan Tribune inspected the hearing notice yesterday and

saw that the number looks like a 4 or a 9 as it was handwritten.

"The court's written notice sets out a wrong date to the detriment of respondent, whose only fault is to rely and believe that that the court's written notice is correct," Park said.

Among the grounds cited for removal was that Macaraeg is jobless and has no umbrella permit.

Reyes said that Macaraeg was among the 628 aliens who were granted conditional umbrella permits.

Judge orders detention of ex-CRM official Pangelinan

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted yesterday the U.S. government's motion to detain former Coastal Resources Management official Benny K. Pangelinan pending a revocation hearing of his supervised release.

Manglona set the revocation

Clothing storeowner, insurance company settles attorney's fee

The owner of a clothing store in Garapan that burned down last year has settled the insurance company's attorney's fees.

Attorney Ramon K. Quichicho, counsel for Zheng Rui Brother Corp., notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday about the settlement they reached with FirstNet Insurance Co.

Last month, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona found Zheng Rui Brother Corp. liable to pay FirstNet Insurance Co. for the costs of filing a motion to compel Zheng Rui Brother to produce requested documents.

In granting FirstNet Insurance Co.'s motion to compel discovery, Manglona determined that

Ethnic rioting in Papua New Guinea leaves 6 dead

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Rioters have burned down the homes of thousands of people in an ethnic clash in Papua New Guinea's second-largest city, killing at least six people, leaving thousands homeless and turning the city of Lae eerily silent.

Dominic Evere, a government research officer, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the rioting began Thursday and was sparked by the alleged rape of a young woman. He said locals burned down the homes of people who moved into the city of about 190,000 from the highlands of the Pacific island nation.

"The young people got organized after the young lady got raped in broad daylight," Evere said. "They said, 'Enough is enough.'"

Evere said it took until Sunday for police to restore an uneasy calm, after 100 extra officers were brought in from the capital, Port Moresby, and the highlands to help local forces. The Papua New Guinea Post-Courier described Lae as a "ghost town" following the riots.

The port town of Lae is an important industrial hub in a country where mining is booming but unemployment and crime remain high. Evere said tensions there had been building for months as more job seekers poured into the

KagES PTSA meeting today

Kagman Elementary Schools 3rd PTSA meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6pm in the school cafeteria followed by the first Parent Literacy Night for Language Arts at 6:30pm. Parents and guardians of children attending KagES are welcome. For more information, call 664-3911 or 664-3912. (PR)

hearing for Nov. 28, 2011.

The U.S. Probation Office has filed a petition to revoke Pangelinan's supervised release after he allegedly violated his probation conditions.

At yesterday's hearing, Pangelinan appeared with court-appointed counsel, Joseph N. Camacho. Assistant U.S. attorney

Garth Backe appeared for the U.S. government.

Manglona said that Pangelinan would be appointed a new counsel. Camacho had moved to withdraw from the case and had asked that attorney Michael Evangelista be named to represent Pangelinan.

Backe asked the court for

FirstNet to comply with the requirement of federal and local procedure rules to confer in good faith to obtain discovery without court action.

Manglona found that Zhen Rui Brother Corp. is liable to pay FirstNet with its costs in filing the motion.

Attorney Richard W. Pierce, counsel for FirstNet, said that 6,799 hours were spent in filing the motion to compel, costing \$1,427.79.

On Oct. 30, 2010, a fire broke out at the BL Clothing Store owned by Zhen Rui Brother Corp.

In March 2011, the fire policy insurer, FirstNet, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, sued Zhen

Rui Brother Corp. for allegedly deliberately setting off the fire so that the owner could claim \$404,718.53 in insurance.

Zhen Rui Brother Corp. later filed a counterclaim against

Pangelinan to be detained pending his Nov. 28 revocation hearing, calling to the witness stand U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola, who narrated how Pangelinan violated his supervised release conditions.

In the petition for revocation filed in September, Arriola said that Pangelinan borrowed

FirstNet, alleging breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, insurance bad faith, and unfair or deceptive business practices. (Ferdie de la Torre)

\$21,450 from a couple and received over \$11,000 from a family member, with promises to pay them back with large amounts of interest.

He allegedly promised the couple that he will double the payback once he receives \$9.9 million from a "Korean woman" who had \$150 million to use for projects on Saipan. Pangelinan also allegedly convinced a family member that he has large sums of money being sent to Saipan from different sources.

Last Wednesday, Arriola filed a supplemental declaration that he caught Pangelinan

sending money through wire to a person he claimed to be his Australian girlfriend whom he met on the Internet.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of five wire fraud charges stemming from his activities to defraud potential investors and his involvement with various Internet fraud schemes.

He was sentenced to three years and one month in prison. After serving his sentence, he was placed on three years of supervised release.

The court had also ordered Pangelinan to pay a total of \$129,250 in restitution to his five victims. (Ferdie de la Torre)



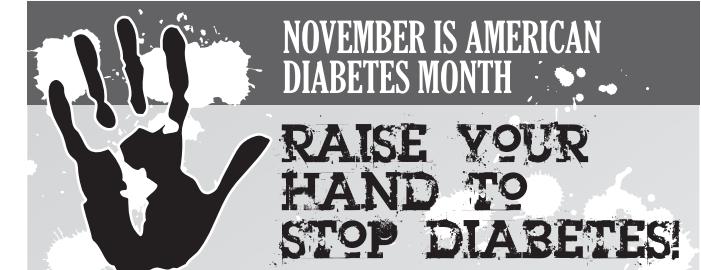
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Mendiola is Sinapalo Elementary's most outstanding teacher

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Sixth-grade teacher Annalee Mendiola was adjudged most outstanding educator of Sinapalo Elementary School this school year and was bestowed the prestigious Teacher of the Year award.

Mendiola has been serving the school system for 11 years now and has been nominated for the award four times. This is her first time to actually bag the honor.

"I am pleased and proud that all the hard work I've done for our future generation and to our community was commended," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that it is always a great opportunity to guide children in the right direction.



Annalee Mendiola
Teacher of the Year



Demy Catubay
Support Staff of the Year



Rebecca Cuevas
Teacher Aide of the Year



Riza Jingco
Maintenance of the Year

tell her: "No other profession could change and mold the life of our future generations, beside a teacher."

She finds fulfillment whenever she meets former students who thank her for being an instrument in their lives. Teaching, she said, is not a profession that you should like but one that you must love, embrace, and have passion for.

Other awardees

Rebecca Cuevas, a Sinapalo Elementary employee for three years now, has been named the school's Teacher Aide of the Year.

Cuevas handles the Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies program and participates in extracurricular activities, field trips, and community events. She has chaired and co-chaired numerous clubs and activities and her love for traditional music, dance, arts, and craft has made her class fun and exciting.

"With my 11 years in Sinapalo Elementary School, I have learned a lot about teaching. I have learned the importance of explaining my objectives, my teaching methods and strategies, providing overview and context to the students. I do believe that a student-centered classroom allows students to apply knowledge in a permanent, long lasting way," said Mendiola.

For her, children must be accepted, nurtured and educated regardless of ability, background, or diversity. "We must also consider that every individual is unique. Children learn differently. In my classroom I offer different assessments to appreciate each of my student's uniqueness and abilities. I use rubrics, checklists, portfolios and presentations to assess my students' progress," she said.

Mendiola said her father, an educator himself, greatly inspired her. Her father used to

Hailed Support Staff of the Year is Demy Catubay, the school's administrative specialist for more than seven years now. He was recognized for his outstanding work ethic, great leadership, and dependability. He has been involved in many school extracurricular activities such as the student council, Tween Talk, and presently co-chairs the accreditation team. Catubay, who has an associate degree in liberal arts, is currently studying for a bachelor's degree in information technology with emphasis in networking and telecommunication.

Also recognized is Riza Jingco, the school's Maintenance of the Year awardee. According to the school, Jingco keeps the school clean and inviting. She was described as well-organized, diligent in her work, approachable, and punctual.

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First ever right-of-way manual in NMII now in the works



The CNMI Right-of-Way Manual Orientation, Contents and Applications workshop is ongoing at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Today is the last of a two-day CNMI Right-of-Way Manual Orientation, Contents and Applications workshop.

Some 15 DPW, Department of Lands and Natural Resources workshop being hosted by the Department of Public Works at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

The first day featured presentations by Colin Thompson of Thompson Law Office, LLC; Alfred K. Pangilinan of Meridian Land Surveying, LLC; Vicente Sablan of American Appraisal Associates; and Jon Abrams of Land Tenure Consultants.

Land Tenure Consultants was contracted by DPW in September 2010 to develop the manual that will establish policies and procedures for the acquisition, compensation, management, and maintenance of designated public right-of-ways to be implemented by DPW.

The manual also seeks to improve the project development process and provide opportunities for additional funding eligibility for roadway infrastructure projects under the current federal-aid highway program.

"A federal regulation requires us to have a CNMI Rights-of-Way Manual in compliance with the federal regulations," DPW Secretary Martin Sablan.

Now that the CNMI receives more funding from the Federal Highway Administration under the U.S. Department of Transportation, Sablan said it would be vital for them to finalize the manual.

Besides comments obtained from the two-day workshop,

Rotary gears up for annual lunch with *man'amko*

The Rotary Club of Saipan is gearing up for its annual Thanksgiving luncheon for the senior citizens.

"I know that this is a very important event and I need everybody's participation," Rotary treasurer Richard Cody said during the club's general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

Cody said he has spoken to Aging Office director Rose Mondala who expressed hope that the annual luncheon for the *man'amko* will push through.

Cody said they plan to hold the luncheon two days before Thanksgiving or on Nov. 22.

Although there are several Rotarians who will be off-island

for the holiday, Cody nevertheless encouraged other members to take part in the planning and actual luncheon.

The Rotary Club of Saipan has been doing the Thanksgiving luncheon for over 20 years.

In last year's luncheon, the Rotarians also raffled off prizes to the congregates. (Clarissa V. David)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-12-002

Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DEQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-12-002, CUC Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

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Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 17, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net; Janina Muna, Administrative Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika.muna@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager via email cuclabman@yahoo.com

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ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

Sablan said they will also seek comments from surveyors, architects, engineers, and appraisers in the CNMI to be incorporated in the final draft of the manual.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that the 125-page manual, which contains seven chapters, is expected to be completed by December 2011, then forwarded for approval to the Federal Highway Administration.

Once the manual is formally adopted hopefully by Jan. 1, 2012, Sablan said they will revisit and update the manual every five years to reflect any changes.

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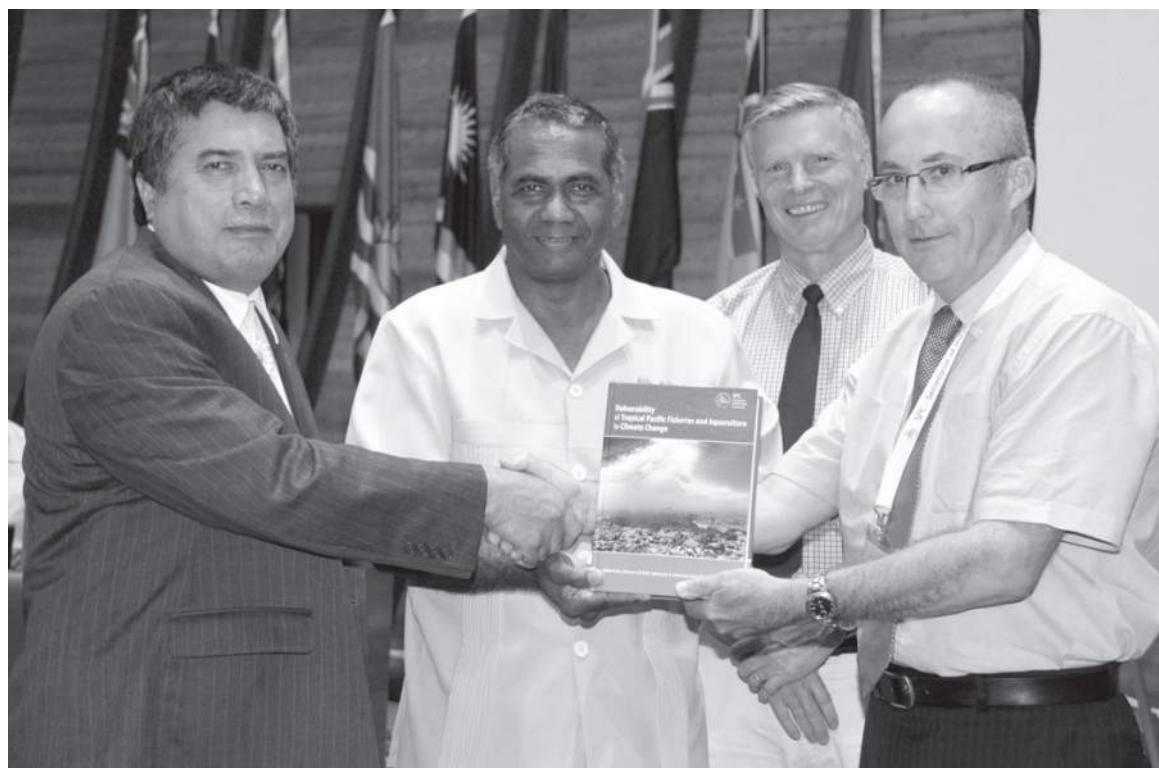
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Book highlights climate change impact on Pacific fisheries



Marshall Islands Foreign Affairs Minister John M. Silk, SPC Director-General Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, one of the book's editors, Dr. Johann Bell, and James Batley, Deputy Director General Asia, Pacific and Program Enabling Group, AusAID at the book launch in Noumea, New Caledonia on Monday.

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—

Climate change poses a fresh challenge to Pacific nations already facing many pressures to sustain their fish resources—a vital source of food.

A new book, *Vulnerability of Tropical Pacific Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change*, claims there will be winners and losers from climate change, and the way Pacific governments react and adapt will be vital.

The book is published by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and was launched at the Conference of the Pacific Community in Noumea on Monday by James Batley, Deputy Director General of AusAID (the Australian Agency for International Development).

Heads of government, ministers and ambassadors from 22 Pacific Island countries and ter-

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ritories (PICTs) and Australia, France, New Zealand, and the USA are in Noumea to discuss the impact of climate change on food and drinking water—one of the most critical issues facing the Pacific region today.

Dr. Johann Bell, principal fisheries scientist with SPC's Strategic Engagement, Policy and Planning Facility and one of the book's three editors, says the losers will include those who continue to depend on coral reef fisheries.

"Higher sea temperatures, ocean acidification, and loss of important habitats like coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves

and intertidal flats are expected to have a dramatic impact on the fish and shellfish that support many coastal communities," Bell says. "Coral reefs are very likely to suffer a lot of damage due to the changing climate, and coastal communities will have to find new sources of food."

He says that the communities will need to transfer their fishing effort from coral reef fisheries to the rich tuna resources of the region.

A winner under climate change will be the freshwater fisheries that are so important to the inland population of Papua New Guinea. The book also outlines the expected improvement of conditions for freshwater pond aquaculture.

But this will not be enough to feed the rapidly increasing populations of the Pacific Islands,

and they will need to rely more on tuna as a source of food.

SPC Director-General Dr. Jimmie Rodgers says the book is the most comprehensive analysis of the impact of climate change on Pacific fisheries and aquaculture, and the ecosystems that underpin these vital activities.

"The reality is that there will be countries in the Pacific with increased populations and fewer fish to eat. We ignore the book at our peril because it contains sound scientific analyses, hard-hitting key messages and policy options," he says. "It gives Pacific leaders the opportunity to look 20 years ahead

and plan for the future."

Bell says the final chapter in the book sets out ways that the Pacific nations can adapt to the new circumstances. These include installing more fish aggregating devices to attract tuna closer to shore, encouraging some communities to grow fish in freshwater ponds, and improving management of mining and forestry industries to prevent sediments and nutrients from spoiling fish habitat.

The book includes contributions from 88 international scientists and fisheries specialists and took three and a half years to bring together. It was written with the support of AusAID.

Vulnerability of Tropical Pacific Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change was edited by Dr Johann Bell, Johanna Johnson and Alistair Hobday. (SPC)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BAIYAN HUANG, Petitioner

FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0504

versus ALEXANDER SABLAN, Respondent

SUMMONS

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If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 21st day of October, 2011.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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7 mariners found safe on deserted Pacific island

HONOLULU—Seven missing mariners are safe after a Coast Guard aircrew spotted the men on a deserted Pacific island Sunday.

Seven males between the ages of 19 and 30, were last seen leaving the southwestern

part of Maloelap Atoll en route north to Kaven Island Thursday. The Royal Australian Navy liaison to the Republic of Marshall Islands contacted Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu watchstanders at 10pm Thurs-

day and reported the vessel as 24 hours overdue.

An HC-130 Hercules airplane and crew was launched from Air Station Barbers Point to assist with the search.

JRCC personnel worked closely with Royal Austra-

lian Navy liaison in developing joint search patterns that would be used by assets of both governments. An Air Marshall Islands aircraft was also launched for the search.

On the second day the HC-130 Hercules airplane crew

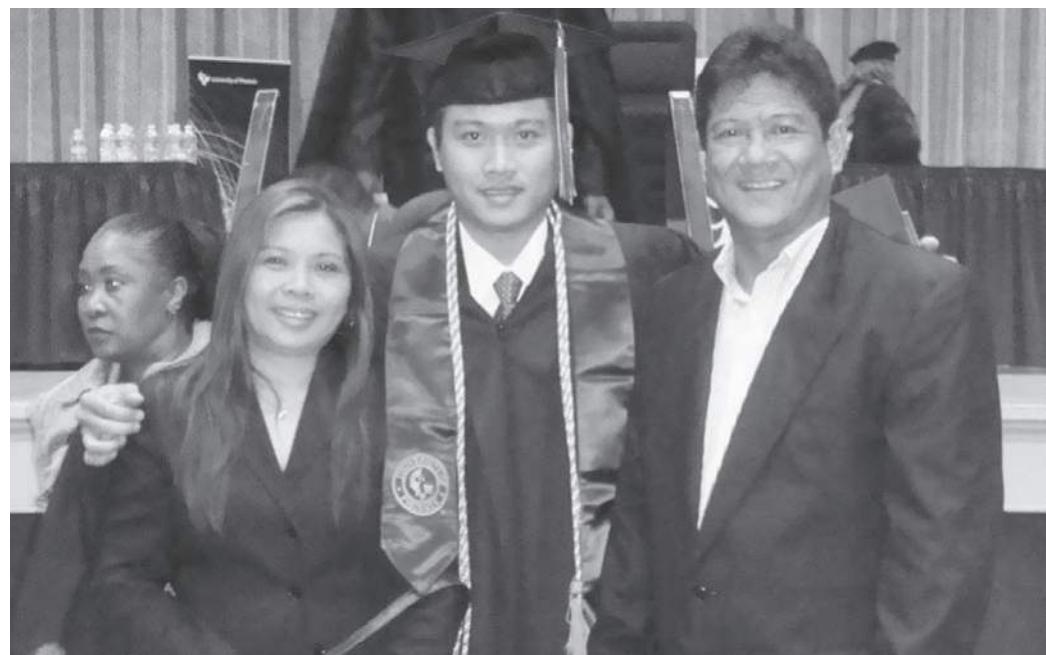
spotted the missing men on the beach of a small island waving palm fronds near a blue vessel matching the description of the overdue 20-foot skiff. The Republic of the Marshall Islands' 107-foot patrol boat *LMor* was

diverted and picked up the survivors.

The survivors were taken back to their home atolls via the Royal Australian Navy motor vessel *Miss Telitha*.

There were no injuries reported. (USCG)

Another CHC nurse passes certified nephrology exam



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jefferson Santos poses with his proud parents, Adonis and Josephine Santos, during last month's commencement ceremony at the University of Phoenix, Washington D.C. where Jefferson completed his bachelor's degree in Nursing last year. Jefferson Santos, a nurse at CHC, also passed the Certified Nephrology Nurse examination.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER
Another registered nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center recently passed the Certified Nephrology Examination.

Staff nurse Jefferson Santos,

28, son of Adonis I. Santos and Josephine L. Santos, is now the sixth certified nephrology nurse at CHC.

"I am very happy and thankful that the exam was finally over because I usually study after my work instead of re-

laxing. Now I can relax after my duty and at the same time I could help my children with their homework," Santos told *Saipan Tribune*.

Nephrology nurses primarily care for patients with either acute or chronic kidney problems. Much of their work involves working with dialysis patients.

Santos took the exam in Virginia on Oct. 4, 2011, just two days after attending his commencement ceremony at the University of Phoenix, Washington D.C. for his bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Saipan motorists urged to watch out for cyclists

All Saipan motorists are being urged to be particularly cautious when driving in the morning hours of Dec. 3 when participants of the 5th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle take to the road.

According to a Pacific Islands Club statement yesterday, Hell of the Marianas cyclists will be riding in packs from 6:30am to 9:30am on the northbound lane of Isa Drive near San Vicente, Papago, Kagman, and Capitol Hill.

There will be cones to indicate the bike lane as well

as DPS officers and official media vehicles. If motorists can circumvent these portions of Isa Drive during the above times, it will prevent heavy traffic congestion and enhance safety for all.

"For additional safety measures, we ask the public to restrain their dogs in the morning along the route," the PIC statement adds.

The 100-kilometer (62-mile) course will take racers from PIC through Koblerville to the Saipan International Airport, past Herman's Bakery through San Vicente, Papago, down to Lao Lao Golf Course entrance and back, down to Kingfisher Golf Links and back, down Capital Hill, to the top of San Roque's Radar Station, to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, the Grotto, Banzai Cliff, to American Memorial Park and back to PIC.

Approximately 200 cyclists are expected to race in this international event with professionals from Russia, Korea, Japan, Guam and Saipan.

"Drivers, please be careful as more bicyclists will be riding on the roads training from now until Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011," the statement adds. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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When will the GOP get serious about this race?

There's no getting around it. The only way to get ahead these days is to Put Yourself Out There.

You are no one without your Twitter account, your Facebook page, your online portfolio. Privacy and modesty are so ... dark ages. There was a time, probably when dinosaurs roamed the land, when boasting—or “tooting your own horn,” as the cave moms would say—was considered poor form. Now, it's not just acceptable, it's mandatory.

The truly ambitious must advance through multiple tiers of exhibitionism. Start with Facebook. Advance to YouTube. Next stop, a TV reality show. Followed by a regular gig on a network talk show. Then you write your memoir and take it on the road. And once you reach the top of your game (or not) ... you run for president!

This is what the 24-hour news cycle and unlimited Internet platforms and the public's hunger for entertainment have wrought: the presidency as a publicity stunt.

All campaigns have their unserious candidates. Think Alan Keyes, Ralph Nader, Steve Forbes, Al Sharpton, to name a few. Mickey Mouse snags a share of votes in every presidential election—for real.

But never has it been so easy for publicity seekers to command the limelight.

Sarah Palin wrote the book on it, with her provocative Facebook posts, her Fox News gig, her reality TV show and, yes, her books. The woman has made a fortune just holding out the idea of running for president.

Newt Gingrich is a washed-up politician with a past as checkered as a tablecloth. His campaign staff bailed because they didn't think he was serious about a campaign. But there he is, pushing his books, raising a bit of money and actually coming across as a grownup during some of the GOP primary debates.

And then there's the Herman Cain phenomenon, a publicity stunt run scarily amok.

Say this about Cain—he is Out There. He has hosted a talk radio show, written a syndicated opinion column, run for the U.S. Senate, worked the motivational speech circuit and written five books. He's even run for president once before, in 2000.

Cain started his second presidential run the same way he completed his first—as an unserious candidate. He displays a shocking lack of interest in and knowledge about foreign affairs. He thought that as president he could sign an executive order outlawing all abortions. Like Gingrich, he has had trouble holding on to staff.

But a funny thing happened on the way to becoming a campaign 2012 footnote: Herman Cain caught fire. Conservative voters fell head over heels for the folksy candidate with the unworkable but oh-so-catchy 9-9-9 tax “reform” scam.

As of this week Cain was toe-to-toe with Mitt Romney in the

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Cannes Hu's Renmin Be Nice @ G20

Cannes is in France, pronounced “Kan.” Hu Jintao is the Prime Minister of the People’s (*Renmin*) Republic of Zhongguo at the G20 conference in France, trying to be nice as, ironically, the capitalist economies expect socialist China’s renminbi to bail out the debt crisis affecting many governments of the so-called free market economies. The collapse of the economy of Greece threatens the downfall of the euro currency, an eventuality that would ripple in tsunami force across global financial structures!

We would be nice, too, but we were not in Nice, pronounced *Nis*, 30 km northeast of Cannes in Provence south of France (our familiarity with the region is only through our eldest daughter, who spent a year in Avignon to polish her French, and our limited taste of its famous wines from its viticulture) this week, two days prior to the G20 meeting. But the voices of Occupy Wall Street movement were echoed on the streets of Nice as thousand demonstrators aired their concerns prior to the gathering of the G20 financial ministers and heads of central banks joined by some heads of states.

Security forces turned Cannes into a Spartan fortress, shorn of any tolerance for any face-painted clown, tree hugging eco-loco, flower-behind-your-ear love child, or placard-carrying protester of any nationality. The inspirational birthplace of *Cirque du Soleil* has lost its sense of humor, and the wellsprings of *egalite, equalite, fraternite* joined a terror-stricken world of fear-laden governments who are now afraid of the shadows of their own middle and lower economic classes from Main Street.

Skull-fractured Iraq Marine veteran Scott Olsen, hit by a tear gas canister in the Occupy Oakland police raid, has suddenly emerged as a battle cry in many “Occupy” locations across the country and has angered a few Corps “brothers” over what is perceived as unnecessary police brutality against peaceful demonstrators. Suddenly, the sentiment is showing up in diverse locations from Texas to Georgia, California to Philadelphia.

Meanwhile, the G20 is touting itself as the possible model of global governance, guided by the financial architecture developed in its 1999 formation. Libya decided not to go along with this model and refused to establish a central bank, to the chagrin of EU and the US of A, a detail that might have contributed to NATO and the US’ earnest support of the eventual disposal of Moammar Gadhafi.

Members of G20 are the euro-centric EU, protective NAF-TA, the newly organized BRICS, combining 90 percent of the world’s GNP, and 80 percent of the world’s trade. I have the feeling the corporate boardrooms around the world are not too unhappy with this possibility. Nor do I think the Occupy Wall Street folks will take it sitting down!

Already, Permaculture with its graywater systems, seed ball and other technologies are being demonstrated and used in the NYC

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Occupy site. Two years ago, we attempted to turn a Saipan 10-acre spread into a demo for sustainable earth technologies connected to a science experiment at SVES. Our enthusiasm faded with the discovery that our local partner stuck 20 stalks of MJ in his farm to support a hospital service for which he did not have sufficient medical coverage. I decided that being on the wrong side of the law on Saipan, without the guardian connection, is no homeland security!

One of my Oral English students heading for flying lessons in Florida next year, in introducing himself as part of the class exercise, declared that his life's stance is always using what he has, and not be stuck in hoping for what he does not have.

I thought of all the heat spilled in verbiage and ink against those we consider responsible for failing to govern well, or the legal maneuvers we've tried to rid the islands of the “foreigners” who once did our bidding but are now expendable, and wonder what we could do with all that energy.

Tony Pellegrino is adamant in the commercial viability of food production on island and we certainly have all resources available (HR, sun, soil and water), but this will not be if we think that somehow, energetic and amiable Kilili and Uncle Sam, or a casino bill, or a change in government personnel is going to deliver the CNMI from the dire straits it is in. So why not focus in getting everyone currently residing in the CNMI to really occupy it, and decide to create a new life with what we've got, now?

Hu Jintao and the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India and S. Africa) decided to focus on their own backyards and let EU deal with Greece and itself, forgoing any messianic complex to intervene, though we do not think it really could do much even if it wanted to.

For the ledgers are cooked. The financial system that has spawned an illusory house of phantom wealth, evident in the 64 million unoccupied real estate units in China, plus the paper inequality in the U.S. of the 1 percent rich lording it over the 99 percent who are deep in debt and up in arms, inflames all kinds of grassroots movements, uprisings, revolts, and even prayer vigils.

We can all decide to occupy the planet sans illusions of wealth, now; then, fructify the earth, and live! Pass the spade and the hoe, please!

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Rights to sea & seabed resources

Perhaps we're a bunch of effete people, lacking the courage and resolution to decisively move forward on matters of state. Or is it that we're too weak, too indecisive, and too pusillanimous to dispose of vital issues on a timely basis. Perhaps we've settled for the usual dish of instant gratification, hoping hard work doesn't return for purposeful resolution. This dismissive behavior now haunts us, quizzing how did we miss it altogether.

Thus the persistent use of the ad hoc approach that has hardened into normal modus operandi. Now we're backpedaling, quizzing if there's still some window of opportunity to claim what we think are ours. We say so as though the CNMI is a sovereign country. One such issue is the claim to unilateral disposition of everything within the 200-mile EEZ of the NMI—sea and seabed resources.

Indeed, there may be room to make a claim for it, based on fishing as a tradition in this archipelago since time immemorial. Yes, our forefathers have fished these waters even as far out as 500 miles to support the dietary needs of our people in the Northern Marianas community. I am sure, too, that our forefathers would quickly point out that what's ours is still ours for they've never given any of it to Spain, Germany, Japan and now the U.S.

I can understand and appreciate the rising sentiment: "Why do we need the permission of the federal government to dispose of sea and seabed resources on the islands as we see fit?" Isn't it our waters for over four thousand years? How come it is now argued that we can't legally lay claim to these resources? Yes, indeed, it makes perfect sense of the relationship between islanders and the seas around them and the economic implications that comes with the territory. But would this sentiment, legal and otherwise, sit well with the U.S. Congress or U.S. Supreme Court? It's an issue of who has sovereign rights or who has sovereign rights to national resources, the U.S. or the CNMI?

Would our argument suffice if we use the UN Law of the Sea Treaty to which the U.S. isn't a member? I understand from a legal

expert that the CNMI had up until March of 1987 to lay claim to its sea and seabed resources. But it lost it when the Magnuson Act, governing law of the sea issues for the country, came into effect that year. Hmmm! We must have been sleeping on the job again? Loss of full control over our resources was further reinforced by Section 1 of the Covenant Agreement where we surrendered sovereignty to the national government. The Magnuson Act deals with the sovereign rights of the U.S. over its 200-mile EEZ that now includes the CNMI. This is legally where we are today. Missed the boat? Definitely! You can mouth off about it but there's nothing up that alley.

Is there any room to claim ownership to what's in our waters? Maybe. But the CNMI can't begin the long journey of negotiations by spouting off what's questionably ours in the pages of newspapers. It must be addressed formally in order to set the wheels in motion. Otherwise, we can just "let it be" and live happily ever after. In brief, if you feel so strongly about it, then lift your first step on a thousand-mile journey to see if our claim is fact or fiction. Why treat it with another 10-foot pole?

Hmmm! Why do we go to watch the parade when it has long since left the ground? Is the Johnny Come Lately syndrome now a permanent fixture of the local culture? A 'Saina'!

2nd Marianas political status commission

There's a proposal to establish a second Marianas Political Status Commission to review certain issues relating to the deepening dysfunctional relationship between the CNMI and the feds. But let's begin by understanding a simple legal fact: The relationship per the Covenant Agreement is a permanent one.

There's the preliminary query that focuses on: Are you satisfied? Well, are we talking about critical assessment of the performance of both sides of the Pacific Divide? Or is the query intended to quickly shift the blame to Uncle Sam once more? I mean, whining and

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blaming others for our own inadequacies is a forte on the islands. Could we speak maturely about the entire nine yards without the blame game syndrome?

I think the more realistic route is to revive the Commission on Federal Laws, the vehicle that was established and tasked the duty to seek refinement of the relationship. Indeed, the relationship has deteriorated into dysfunction when the commission died a silent death. It obviates the need to critically take an honest introspective review of measures we've taken to find out what we thought we did that didn't do to strengthen the institution of self-government.

Indeed, we're aware of the forced contraction of the local economy, triggered by uncertainties from the takeover of immigration. But such change in command of immigration was forthcoming and we even failed to plan for it. Had we had a plan of our own to use as a gauge, we would have been upfront and candid about how egregiously such change would adversely impact the local economy. But we sat back complacently singing "let it be." Obviously, leadership deficit was at its best and now the deathly deepening economic disaster.

In brief, there's a greater need for an honest self-evaluation of how well we've done instituting policies to strengthen local self-government. Is bankruptcy and economic annihilation the prized trophy of the CNMI after millions of dollars in grant funds from Uncle Sam over the last three decades? Like Buddy Magoo would say, "Ai! I don't know Maria!"

Apathy wins

Notwithstanding the fine efforts of the NMC students to organize and conduct a voters' survey on the question of casino gambling for the island of Saipan, the unfortunate outcome of this democratic exercise was that Saipan has truly sunk into an abyss of apathy.

The people of Saipan and the CNMI have been suffering from a long-term socio-economic depression, which is paralyzing the island residents. The classic signs of depression are apathy and a lack of caring to participate in social events and activities. Furthermore, with the CNMI economy and jobs sinking deeper into the Marianas Trench, we are witnessing the byproducts of desperation and frustration, i.e., rising crime, rising domestic abuse, and rising drug use to escape the overall frustration of a society going to civic hell. Unfortunately, there are those who are preaching that rising crime and domestic abuse and other social evils will come with casino gambling. Well, the crime and social evils are here *now*, without casino gambling. It is a known fact that a poor economy and lack of jobs sadly produces more crime and social misbehavior. As a historical and perplexing aside, Public Law 3-70, which established the poker

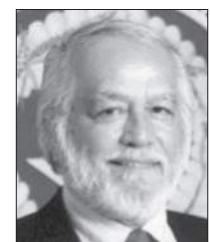
machine industry that targeted locals, was subject to a referendum and it failed. So, due to the concerns of many, these poker establishments will be eventually removed with the current casino gambling legislation that I have previously introduced.

Personally, I am very concerned about the welfare of my family, friends, and island neighbors throughout the Commonwealth. I've introduced casino gambling legislation that offers strong regulations and a recipe for success, both for the government and the island residents as well. I have observed the comments of both the proponents and opponents of casino gambling for Saipan, and I now I have witnessed the NMC survey that has declared the obvious winner in this delayed development = apathy.

This is a dangerous situation for a community. The lack of caring about what happens leads to chaos. Last Friday, only 3 percent (425) of the Saipan registered voters said that they were against casino gambling, and that leaves 97 percent who voted yes or didn't care what happens. The burden for a clear and convincing victory had rested with the opponents of casino gambling, and they failed to convince me or the rest of the island that they are in the majority. It is time now for the silent majority to be protected.

To this end, I say that the silent majority wants action. Casino gambling offers a possible solution to the continuous economic

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depression and apathy in the CNMI, and it will hopefully end the reduced paydays and government services.

To repeat, casino gambling means possible opportunities for jobs, economic growth, and a move to provide more security for our island residents. I said possible, because it will work with the cooperation of our government leaders, the business sector and, most importantly, the support of our people.

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polls, and it's unclear whether expanding allegations of sexual harassment complaints against Cain in a former job will dim the ardor of his fans.

Character really isn't an issue in the publicity stunt candidacy. It's all about how you present yourself.

What's left of the Republican establishment would very much like to shut down the Cain circus and get on with the task of preparing Romney to take on President Barack Obama.

Oh, but why stop the party so soon?

Herman Cain's troubles are nearly as riveting as reality star Kim Kardashian's impending divorce. And please, bring on more GOP debates. They're not great for clarifying the issues, but as entertainment they are unparalleled.

Sooner or later, though, we will have to get down to business. Herman Cain is not going to be the Republican nominee for president.

Romney, a serious candidate with a resume of substance, will almost certainly run again Obama, who has served with dignity and purpose, even as he goes prematurely gray from the burdens of the job.

We wouldn't have it any other way. As for the publicity seekers, there's always another book deal, or maybe a talk show offer. Why serve if you can Just Be Out There?

Letter to the Editor

Letter of appreciation

Although the results of the Nov. 4 advisory referendum were far from satisfactory, I do wish to express my appreciation to everyone who took part in it.

The smooth working operation would never have been possible without the extremely valuable assistance and guidance of Mr. Robert Guerrero and his very talented assistant, Ms. Julie Villagomez, and others on the staff who not only guided us through the setup and tabulation but also provided oversight for each polling place.

The Office of the Public Auditor also provided invaluable supervision of the conduct of the voting. The volunteers from that office provided a very valuable service for long hours.

Special thanks go to IT&E, which loaned us six cell phones to establish a communications network on voting day. These help to avoid a huge gas bill.

Members of the Senate staff and the Legislative Bureau also provided very valuable logistics support. Sen. Ralph Torres and Senate

President Paul Mangloña were enthusiastic in their support of the overall project.

Thanks also go to the NMC Office of the President and the NMC Office of Institutional Advancement, which helped to coordinate press releases and other outreach projects.

There is no way that I can express my appreciation to the dedication and enthusiasm expressed by the nearly 100 students who took part in setting up, conducting, and closing down a very complex operation. We should all be proud of the extra efforts that the students made over and above classroom performance requirements. It's a great sign for the future of the people of the CNMI.

Last, but definitely not least, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to those 841 citizens who got the word, felt the need, and came to the polls to cast their ballots. This is what Citizenship Day was supposed to be all about. Thank you all.

Sam McPhetres

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Northern Marianas College

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲ 85 ▾ 79
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▾ 77
Yap	Rain	▲ 86 ▾ 76
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 82 ▾ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 86 ▾ 72
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 88 ▾ 75
Majuro	Rain	▲ 85 ▾ 76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 67 ▾ 62
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 57 ▾ 34
Hong Kong	Rain	▲ 96 ▾ 63
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 85 ▾ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▾ 53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 66 ▾ 46
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▾ 79
Melbourne	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▾ 58
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▾ 68
New York	Sunny	▲ 68 ▾ 46
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▾ 55
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▾ 45
Pusan	Showers	▲ 65 ▾ 59
Rome	Showers	▲ 72 ▾ 49
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 55 ▾ 45
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 63 ▾ 47
Seoul	Showers	▲ 62 ▾ 49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▾ 54
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 67 ▾ 43

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Saipan Harbor	Today	6:16 AM	5:46 PM	Today	4:33 PM	4:42 AM
12:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	Thursday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
7:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	Friday	5:14 PM	5:30 AM
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C05064 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C05070 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C05064 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP

5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6

C05068 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6

C05068 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C05076 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7

C05078 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily

5K382 9:20pm 10:10pm 1, 5

C05072 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

ARRIVALS

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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C05077 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily

5K383 6:30pm 7:20pm 2, 6

C05079 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

5K212 8:20am 10:55am 4, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN

0Z606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

DL172/288 7:55am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT

Business

Eurozone wants cross-party commitment in Greece

BRUSSELS (AP)—Greece can get a crucial euro8 billion (\$11 billion) slice of bailout money this month if the leaders of the two main parties both commit in writing to the terms of the country's two massive bailouts and the austerity measures and economic reforms that they require, eurozone finance chiefs said Monday.

That payment, which has been delayed by two months, would head off a potentially disastrous default as early as December.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the Luxembourg prime minister who also chairs the eurozone finance ministers meetings, said that ministers at their get-together in Brussels asked for a letter co-signed by the two party leaders that they will implement that program.

Such cross-party commitment is important as Greece gears up for new elections early next year.



Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos, right, speaks with French Finance Minister Francois Baroin, left, and Belgium's Finance Minister Didier Reynders, center, during a meeting of eurozone finance ministers at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

“It is essential that the entire political class is now restoring the confidence that had been

lost into the Greek commitment to the EU/IMF program and to the agreement of the 27th of

October,” said European Union Monetary Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn. He was referring

to an agreement drawn up at a summit of European leaders last month in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund.

While finance ministers were meeting in Brussels, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou and opposition party leader Antonis Samaras were trying to form a unity government that would lead the country in the meantime.

“It should have been done months ago,” Juncker said of the cross-party government.

Italy, which has seen the interest rates on its bonds rise to a euro era record of 6.67 percent, also came in for scrutiny at the meeting Monday in Brussels. Italian Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti assured his colleagues that his country would implement the financial reforms promised last month in a letter from Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, including balancing the budget by 2013 as well as reforming pensions and deregulating the labor market.

Rehn said it was crucial for Italy to implement the policies outlined in Berlusconi’s letter. He said he had sent a letter to Italian authorities asking specific questions about the implementation of the program and he expected a written reply by the end of this week. He did not say what the questions were.

Rehn said a technical mission would be sent to Rome on Tuesday or Wednesday to intensify surveillance of the country’s fiscal policies.

The finance ministers also spelled out technical details of their plan to give their bailout fund more leverage. The eurozone wants to increase the firepower of the euro440 billion European Financial Stability Facility to euro1 trillion by allowing it to insure bond issues from shaky countries like Italy and Spain and by seeking investors from outside the eurozone.

United flies first US commercial advanced biofuel flight

CHICAGO—United Continental Holdings announced that its subsidiary Continental Airlines today is operating the first U.S. commercial flight powered by advanced biofuels. Flight 1403, a Boeing 737-800, departs Houston’s Bush Intercontinental Airport at 10:30 am for Chicago O’Hare International Airport, making United the first U.S. airline to fly passengers using a blend of sustainable, advanced biofuel and traditional petroleum-derived jet fuel.

“United is taking a significant step forward to advance the use of environmentally responsible and cost-efficient alternative fuels,” said Pete McDonald, United’s executive vice president and chief operations officer. “Sustain-

able biofuels, produced on a large scale at an economically viable price, can one day play a meaningful role in powering everyone’s trip on an airline.”

Today’s flight demonstrates United’s commitment to sustainable biofuels and making progress toward enhancing energy security, diversity of our fuel supply and a reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional fossil fuels.

“Today, roughly four months since the approval of hydroprocessed renewable fuels in commercial aviation, we are excited to see the deployment of these fuels on a domestic U.S. flight,”

United Airlines

said Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Vice President and Chief Economist John Heimlich. “ATA member airlines continue to demonstrate leadership in fostering new and environmentally preferred sources of energy to transport people and goods throughout the globe.”

Solazyme, working with Honeywell’s UOP process technology, developed the algae oil that was refined into jet fuel to power today’s commercial flight. Solazyme produced the world’s first 100 percent algae-derived jet fuel for both commercial and military applications.

Also today, United is an-

nouncing it has signed a letter of intent with Solazyme to negotiate the purchase of 20 million gallons of jet fuel per year, derived exclusively from algae oil, for delivery as early as 2014. Solazyme, headquartered in south San Francisco, manufactured the algae oil used on today’s flight through its proprietary fermentation process. The end product was then refined outside Houston using renewable jet fuel processing technology from Honeywell’s UOP.

“Looking at United, a company that understands the sustainability of tomorrow means environmental responsibility today, we see a true pioneer in the future of flight,” said Jonathan Wolfson, Solazyme’s CEO. (PR)

Senate considers aid for jobless vets, contractors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted overwhelmingly Monday to temporarily set aside its partisan standoff over President Barack Obama’s jobs plan and move toward giving a modest economic spark to two potent interest groups: veterans and businesses.

In a 94-1 roll call, senators voted to start debating a measure repealing a requirement that federal, state and many local governments withhold 3 percent of their payments to contractors. That bill has been lobbied by a wide swath of industry groups large and small

and has no significant opposition.

By the time the Senate approves the legislation—perhaps later this week—Democrats planned to add language backed by both parties offering tax breaks to companies that hire veterans and providing vets with employment counseling and other job-hunting services.

Monday’s one-sided vote signaled that barring an unexpected twist, the Senate was likely to send the overall measure to the House, which returns from a recess next week.

The tax credits, up to \$9,600

for companies hiring disabled veterans who have been jobless at least six months, would represent the first—though tiny—piece of Obama’s \$447 billion jobs proposal to be approved by Congress, assuming Senate and then House passage.

The expected cooperation contrasted with the two parties’ battling at a time when persistent 9 percent unemployment is keeping 14 million Americans out of work and looming as the dominant issue in the 2012 presidential and congressional elections. It also masked the divisions between

Democrats and Republicans over the keystones of Obama’s jobs plan—spending huge sums to repair roads, hire teachers and give workers and companies breaks on the payroll tax.

Not coincidentally, the measure was beginning to move toward approval just ahead of Friday’s Veterans Day celebrations, when lawmakers stream home for speeches and parades. And even as the two sides seemed ready to cooperate, they exchanged partisan slings over lawmakers’ refusal so far to approve the rest of the president’s jobs proposal.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Consumer borrowing up, but credit card use falls

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans borrowed more in September to buy cars and attend college, but they charged less to their credit cards for a third straight month. The figures suggest that consumers are growing more cautious about taking on high-interest debt in a weak economy. Total consumer borrowing rose by \$7.4 billion in September, the Federal Reserve said Monday. In August, it had fallen by the most in 16 months. The September increase reflected a 5.8 percent increase in borrowing in the category that includes car and student loans. But the category that covers credit card purchases dropped 1 percent after larger declines in July and August.

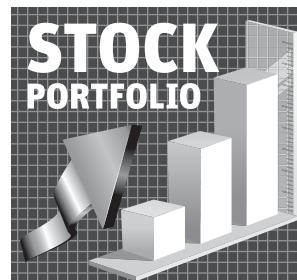
Northeast power outages hit many businesses hard

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Businesses big and small have taken a beating from the power outages caused by the record-setting October snowstorm and the losses are only beginning to be tallied, owners and experts said Monday as tens of thousands of Connecticut homes and companies entered a second week without electricity. “I think there’s going

to be a huge trickle-down effect and we may not know the results for several months,” said Andy Markowski, Connecticut director for the National Federation of Independent Business. “I don’t know of any small business that can afford to lose a week or more of sales. ... We’re just literally and figuratively beginning to pick up the pieces.” The Oct. 29-30 storm dumped heavy snow across the Northeast and downed scores of trees and utility wires. Three million homes and businesses lost power at the height of the storm.

Oil above \$95 as month-long 27 pct rally pauses

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above \$95 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors mulled whether slowing global economic growth justifies further gains after crude surged 27 percent during the last month. Benchmark crude for December delivery was down 5 cents at \$95.47 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose \$1.26 to settle at \$95.52 in New York on Monday. Brent crude was up 2 cents at \$114.58 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

12,068.40
85.15
0.71%

S&P

1,261.12
7.89
0.63%

NASDAQ

2,695.25
9.10
0.34%

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	0.9703
British Pound	0.6235
Canadian Dollar	1.0163
Chinese Yuan	6.3478
Euro	0.7275

Hong Kong Dollar 7.7705

Indian Rupee 49.3600

Indonesian Rupiah 8,944.0

Japanese Yen 78.0470

Malaysian Ringgit 3.1316

Philippine Peso	42.9700
Singapore Dollar	1.2738
South Korean Won	1,121.15
Swiss Franc	0.9032
Taiwan Dollar	30.1020
Thailand Baht	30.6450

Nation

Penn State sex scandal engulfing revered Paterno

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Time and again, questions about an alleged cover-up of a sex abuse scandal at Penn State, circled back to one name: Joe Paterno.

Major college football's oldest, winningest and perhaps most revered coach, was engulfed Monday in a growing furor involving former defensive coordinator and one-time heir apparent Jerry Sandusky, who was indicted on charges of sexually abusing eight boys over 15 years.

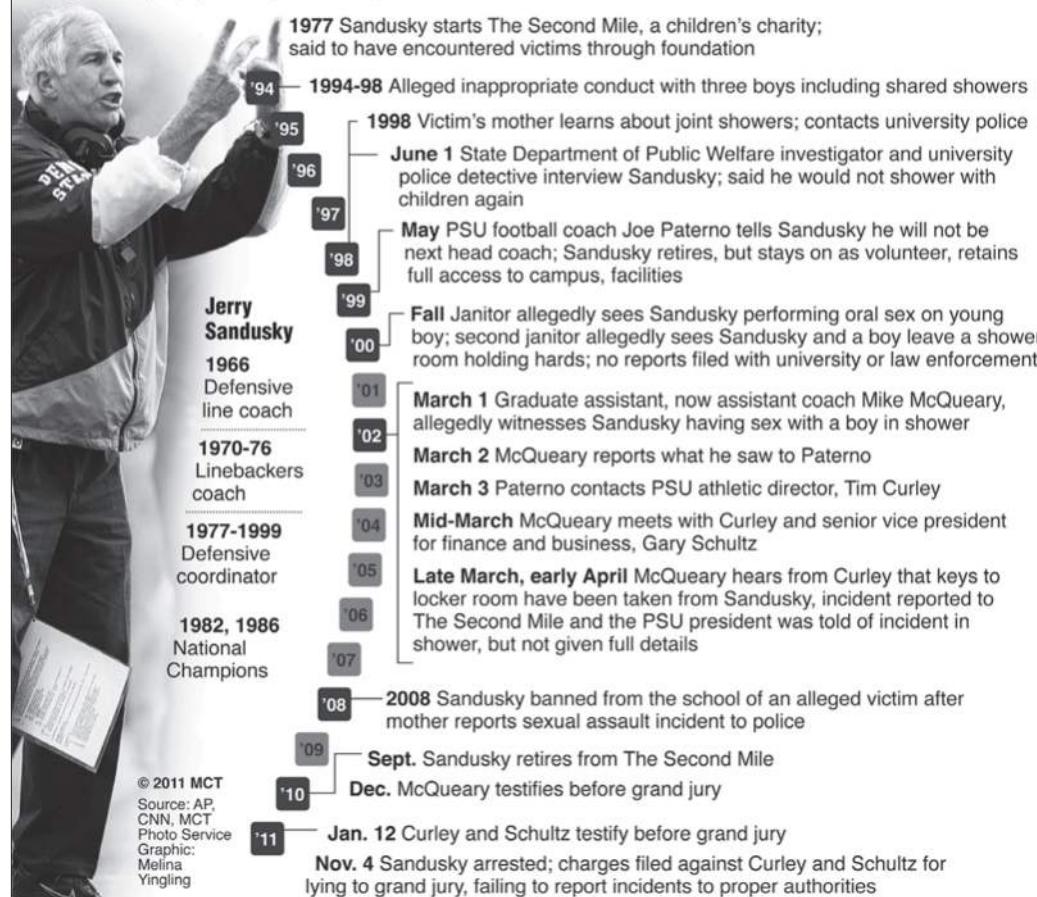
The Pennsylvania state police commissioner said Paterno fulfilled his legal requirement when he relayed to university administrators that a graduate assistant had seen Sandusky attacking a young boy in the team's locker room shower in 2002. But the commissioner also questioned whether Paterno had a moral responsibility to do more.

On the Happy Valley campus and in the surrounding town of State College, some were even asking whether the 84-year-old coach should step down after 46 seasons on the sidelines.

Two Penn State officials, Senior Vice President Gary Schultz and Athletic Director Tim Curley, surrendered on charges that they failed to alert police to

Penn State scandal

Jerry Sandusky, a former Penn State assistant football coach, allegedly sexually assaulted eight boys from 1994-2009, at least 20 of the incidents taking place while employed at Penn State. Two university officials were charged with perjury in alleged cover-up.



the complaint about Sandusky.

Schultz and Curley are also charged with lying to the state

grand jury that indicted Sandusky. Both stepped down from their posts Sunday, Curley taking

a temporary leave and Schultz retiring. They appeared Monday in a Harrisburg courtroom, where

Woman accuses Cain of bold sexual advance

NEW YORK (AP)—Leaving little to the imagination, a Chicago-area woman on Monday accused Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain of making a crude sexual advance more than a decade ago when she was seeking his help finding a job.

"Come clean," Sharon Bialek challenged Cain at a news conference in New York at which she described herself as "a face and a voice" to support other accusers who have so far remained anonymous.

Cain's campaign swiftly denied Bialek's account. "All allegations of harassment against Mr. Cain are completely false," it said in a written statement.

Even so, Bialek's nationally broadcast appearance on cable television marked a new and—for Cain—dangerous turn in a controversy that he has struggled for more than a week to shed. An upstart in the presidential race,

Cain shot to the top of public opinion polls in recent weeks and emerged, however temporarily, as the main conservative challenger to Mitt Romney.

Accompanied by her prominent lawyer, Gloria Allred, Bialek accused Cain of making a sexual advance one night in mid-July 1997, when she had travelled to Washington to have dinner with him in hopes he could help her find work.

She said the two had finished dinner and were in a car for what she thought was a ride to an office building. "Instead of going into the offices he suddenly reached over and he put his hand on my leg, under my skirt toward my genitals," she said.

She also said Bialek "could have attempted to sell her story but chose not to do so," and knew that by stepping forward, she would receive scrutiny.

Bialek said she told her boy-

friend, an unidentified pediatrician, as well as a longtime male friend about the episode.

None of Cain's other accusers has provided details as graphic as Bialek's account. But Joel Bennett, an attorney who represents one of them, said her details were "similar in nature" to what his client encountered.

Allred, a prominent sex discrimination attorney with Democratic ties, moved preemptively to blunt any attacks on Bialek's motives. She described her client as a registered Republican, a single mother and a woman with a long and successful work history.

She also said Bialek "could have attempted to sell her story but chose not to do so," and knew that by stepping forward, she would receive scrutiny.

Her involvement makes it clear that it's a political smear job orchestrated by those on the left because there is nothing more terrifying than Herman Cain as the Republican nominee," the Republican lawmaker said.

Georgia state Sen. Joshua McKoon, who has endorsed Cain, accused Allred of "carnival theatrics" fueled by a partisan agenda.

Clarke said if he was advising the president he would warn against attacking other countries because so many of them—including China, North Korea, Iran and Russia—could retaliate by launching devastating cyber-attacks that could destroy power grids, banking networks or transportation systems.

The U.S. military, he said, is entirely dependent on computer

systems and could end up in a future conflict in which troops trot out onto a battlefield "and nothing works."

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Asia

Energy minister says Bangkok floods to last a month

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's energy minister said the flood crisis in Bangkok is likely to drag on for another month, as authorities issued another evacuation advisory in a northern neighborhood and floodwaters inched further into the city's heart.

Energy Minister Pichai Naripraphan said, however, that floods may finally begin to subside in the capital by mid-November, according to a government statement late Monday.

Top officials and experts have given varying estimates of how much Bangkok would flood and how long the threat would loom over the city, with some claiming several weeks ago the biggest window of danger to the sprawling metropolis of 9 million people had already passed.

Instead, the flood threat has only intensified, straining sandbag-stacking residents as more and more neighborhoods are swamped each day. The seemingly unstoppable floodwaters have overwhelmed canals, seeped up through drains and poured down condominium-lined highways. The water has now begun surrounding the city's

northernmost subway stops, threatening to shut them down.

Evacuations have been ordered in 12 of Bangkok's 50 districts, with residents of the northern district of Klong Sam Wa told to leave Monday. The evacuations, which also effect parts of several other districts, are not mandatory, and many people are staying to protect homes and businesses.

On Tuesday, Football Federation Australia said a World Cup qualifier against Thailand scheduled for next week was moved to a smaller stadium in Bangkok because the original venue is being used as a flood evacuation center.

The FFA said in a statement that the Asian Group D match scheduled for Nov. 15 will be moved from the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok's suburbs to the Suphachalasai Stadium downtown.

The flooding began in late July and has killed more than 500 people so far, mostly due to drownings. Some provinces to the north of Bangkok have been inundated for more than a month, and waters have started to re-



Flooding in Thailand

Thailand's worst floods in half a century have killed hundreds and are straining Southeast Asia's second-largest economy.

At a glance

Population 67 million (2011 estimate)

GDP per person \$8,700; 44.7 percent industry, 42.9 percent services; 12.4 percent agriculture

Exports, mostly machinery and agricultural commodities account for more than half of the country's GDP

Global financial crisis severely hit exports; rebounded in 2010 with economy expanding 7.6 percent

Flooding damage

- Pumps, sandbags have been protecting Bangkok; most of city remains dry
- Bangkok accounts for 41 percent of Thailand's economy; damage costs would rise if the capital is swamped
- May take months for manufacturing operations to be running again
- World's leading rice exporter; may lose a quarter of crop

Source: CIA World Factbook, Reuters, ESRI

The numbers

- \$8.2 billion in damages
- Economic growth forecast slashed to 2.6 percent from 4.1 percent
- 428 bank branches closed
- 9,859 factories closed, 660,000 jobs
- Tourists arrivals up to 1 million below the 19 million target

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cede in recent days as massive pools of runoff flow south.

In Nakorn Sawan province, Anan Dirath was forced to live on the second floor of his home for two months. But now that the water has receded to knee level, he has begun to clean up.

This week, Anan armed his two teenage children with mops, scrub brushes and garbage bags. Wading in the water, his family began scrubbing dirt off the walls and collecting the garbage around the house. He said the dirt was difficult to wash off and he has had to scrub the paint off to get rid of it.

"Oh my pretty home. It used to be a pretty two-story home," he said Monday.

In nearby Nakorn Sawan town center, where the water has dried completely, the government sponsored a cleanup day last week when roads were scrubbed down to get rid of the oily mud left from the floods. Back hoes were used to carry garbage away.

The cleanup also has begun in some parts of Thailand's ancient capital of Ayutthaya. Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is to visit the province Tuesday to witness recovery efforts.

ASIA BRIEFS

Strong quake hits southern Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A fairly strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8 has hit off the shores of Japan's southern Okinawa Island. Officials said the quake Tuesday about 135 miles (220 kilometers) away from the island was not expected to cause a tsunami. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. Northeastern Japan was devastated by a massive earthquake and tsunami on March 11 that left nearly 20,000 people dead or missing. Japan, which lies along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," is one of the world's most seismically active countries.

Stranded Everest trekkers clear out as fog lifts

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—More than 2,000 foreign trekkers stranded up to a week began leaving the Mount Everest region Monday as fog lifted and flights resumed at the area's only airport. As the visitors waited for the weather to clear, hotels in the village of Lukla were full and food supplies were running low. People slept in tents and hotel dining rooms. Some even walked down from Lukla to the nearest highway. Trekkers on the first flights Monday were happy to reach Katmandu, Nepal's capital.

SKorea approves WHO medicines shipment to NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea has lifted its ban on donating medicine to North Korea via the World Health Organization, amid signs of easing tension between the countries. South Korea previously had donated to a WHO program to send medicine and medical supplies to the North, but asked the organization to suspend the contribution after Pyongyang allegedly torpedoed a South Korean warship last year. The South Korean government said Tuesday that it has accepted WHO's request for using its remaining donation totaling about \$7 million.

Pakistan trains 8,000 to protect nuclear arsenal

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan is training 8,000 additional people to protect the country's nuclear arsenal, which the U.S. fears could be vulnerable to penetration by Islamist militants at war with the West, the Pakistani military said.

Those fears were heightened by a recent U.S. magazine article that quoted unnamed Pakistani and American officials as saying Pakistan transports nuclear weapons components around the country in delivery vans with little security to avoid detection—a claim denied by Islamabad.

Pakistan insists its nuclear arsenal is well-defended, and the widespread fear among many Pakistanis is that the main threat stems not from al-Qaida or the Taliban, but from suspected U.S. plans to seize the country's weapons. These fears were heightened by the covert U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in May.

Washington has insisted it has no plans to seize Pakistan's weapons.

But the recent article in The Atlantic magazine quoted unnamed American military and intelligence officials as saying the U.S. has trained extensively for potential missions in Pakistan to secure nuclear weapons or material that fall into the wrong hands.

Pakistan rarely reveals details about its nuclear program or the security around it. The announcement by the Pakistani military that it is training an additional 8,000 people to protect the nuclear arsenal could be seen as a response to the magazine article.

"This (group) comprises hand-picked officers and men, who are physically robust, mentally sharp and equipped with modern weapons and equipment," said the Pakistani military in a written statement Sunday.

The statement was released in conjunction with the graduation of 700 of these security personnel. The ceremony was attended by Maj. Gen. Muhammad Tahir, head of security for the Strategic Plans Division—the arm of the Pakistani military tasked

with protecting the nuclear arsenal.

Tahir "reiterated that extensive resources have been made available to train, equip, deploy and sustain an independent and potent security force to meet any and every threat emanating from any quarter," according to the statement.

The Pakistani Foreign Ministry also put out a statement Sunday calling the allegations in the article in The Atlantic "pure fiction."

Fear that the U.S. could seize Pakistan's nuclear weapons is driven by widespread anti-Americanism in the country. Despite billions of dollars in American aid, 69 percent of people in the country view the U.S. as an enemy, according to a poll conducted by the U.S.-based Pew Research Center in June. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The U.S. Embassy said Monday that it has confidence that Pakistan is aware of the range of threats to its nuclear arsenal and has given high

priority to securing its weapons and material.

It quoted President Barack Obama as saying in March that he feels "confident about Pakistan's security around its nuclear weapons programs. But that doesn't mean that there isn't improvement to make in all of our nuclear security programs."

Classified American diplomatic documents released by WikiLeaks last December indicated that the U.S. was concerned that Islamist militants could get their hands on Pakistani nuclear material to make an illicit weapon.

Pakistan is producing nuclear weapons at a faster rate than any other country in the world, according a memo from December 2008.

An article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists in July estimated that Pakistan has a nuclear weapons stockpile of 90-110 nuclear warheads. The country first successfully conducted a nuclear weapons test in 1998 in response to the nuclear program of its archenemy India.

Roadside bomb kills south Afghan police chief

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A roadside bomb killed a district police chief and his two bodyguards in a restive southern province in the second attack in as many days targeting local authorities in Afghanistan, police officials said Monday.

The roadside bomb in Helmand exploded as Mohammad Saifullah, the police chief in the province's Garm Ser district, was driving by Sunday night, said Helmand provincial police chief Mohammad Hakim Angar. All three men were killed by the blast.

The province is one of Afghanistan's most violent, and sits in the heart of the Taliban's traditional stronghold in the south.

Security responsibilities in Hel-

mand's capital have already been handed over to Afghan forces by NATO, as part of the U.S.-led coalition's plan to withdraw its combat troops from the country by the end of 2014. Two other districts in the province are being recommended for an upcoming second phase of handovers, but Garm Ser is not among them.

The police official's death comes a day after a suicide bomber blew himself up among worshippers concluding prayers on the first day of a main Islamic holiday, killing seven people including two local police officials, in the northern province of Baghlan. A second would-be suicide bomber was captured before detonating his explosives.

The attacks are part of the insur-

gency's strategy of targeting Afghan government and security officials, and raise questions about Afghan security forces' ability to take on the Taliban by themselves after NATO withdraws its combat forces.

The U.S.-led coalition has said it has made significant gains in curtailing the Taliban's strength.

The coalition's push in the south of the country, the Taliban's traditional stronghold, has to a degree lessened the violence. But it has also pushed them to other parts of the country where attacks had been less common.

In the eastern province of Nangarhar's Behsud district, a combined Afghan and NATO force killed one Afghan and wounded another during an operation tar-

geting a Taliban facilitator who provided logistical support and weapons to insurgents in the area, NATO said in a statement Monday. Two suspected insurgents were detained. The statement did not make clear whether the man killed was a suspected insurgent.

Afghanistan's eastern border with Pakistan is a particular source of concern for NATO. The area is rife with militant activity, including the al-Qaida and Taliban-linked Haqqani network that operates from what Afghan and coalition officials say are safe havens in Pakistan. Also in the east, NATO said an Afghan male was shot dead by a joint coalition-Afghan force after he failed to comply with orders and "displayed hostile intent toward the security force." The incident occurred as the troops were searching for a Haqqani facilitator in Badakshan province's Argo district, NATO said.

World

Defiant Carlos the Jackal goes on trial in France

PARIS (AP)—A defiant and smiling Carlos the Jackal, one of the most dreaded terror masterminds of the Cold War, has gone on trial again—this time over four deadly attacks in France nearly three decades ago.

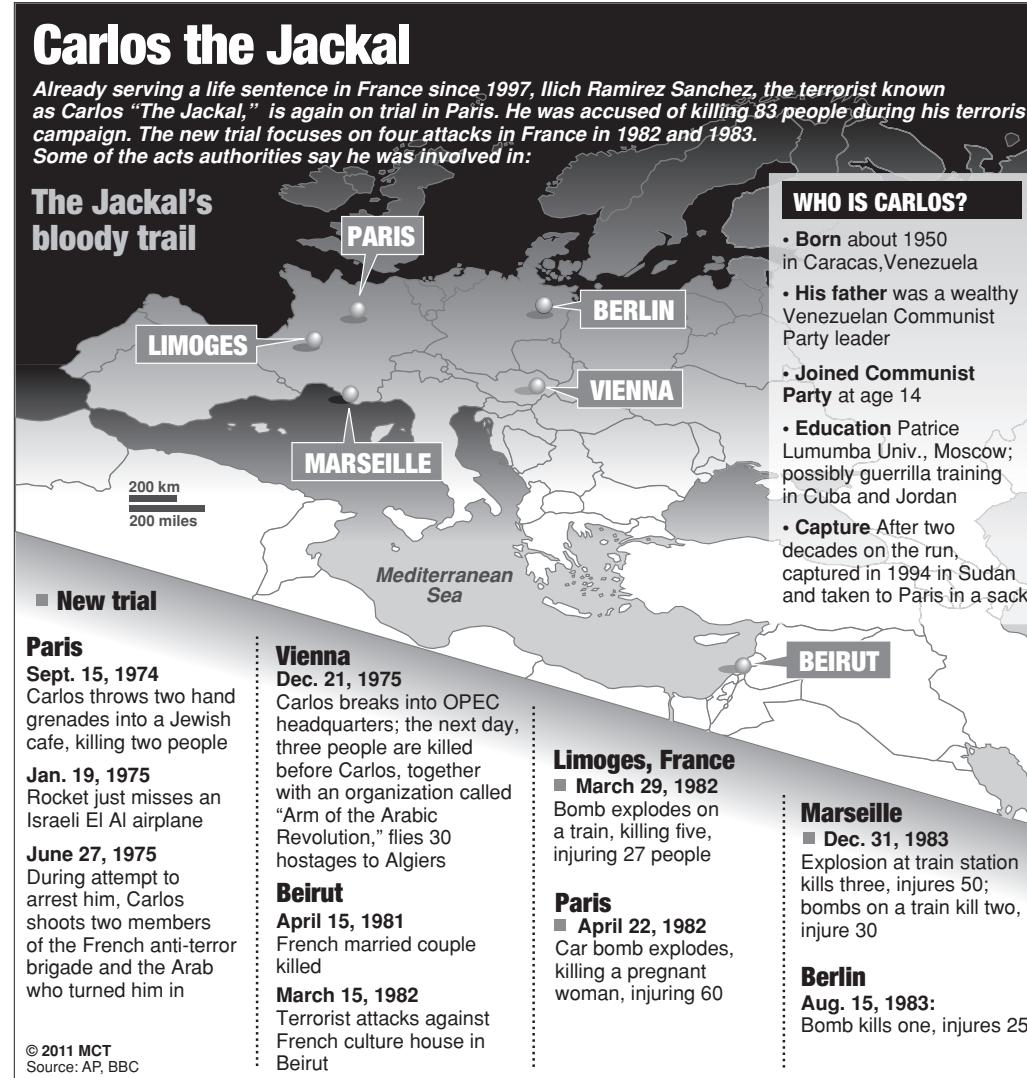
The 62-year-old Venezuelan, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, went before a special Paris court on terrorism-linked charges Monday. He is already serving a life sentence handed down for a triple murder in 1975.

Ramirez, who sowed fear across Western European and Middle Eastern capitals during the Cold War, is charged with instigating four attacks in 1982 and 1983 that killed 11 people and injured more than 140 others in France.

He has denied any role in the attacks. The trial is expected to last six weeks, and if convicted, Ramirez could face a second life sentence—the top penalty in France, which does not have the death penalty. Wearing a blue jacket, graying beard and wavy hair brushed back, Ramirez smiled as he entered and then identified himself to the court as “a professional revolutionary”—striking a combative pose from the outset.

With three gendarmes at his side and dark sunglasses in his hands, Ramirez variously raised a fist in defiance, weaved in anti-Zionist rhetoric into his diatribes and smiled to the gallery that included controversial French comic Dieudonne.

“He’s in a fighting mood as always,” Isabelle Coutant-



Peyre, Ramirez’s lawyer and amorous partner, told reporters outside the courtroom before the trial began. She said there was “no reason” for the trial nearly 30 years after the events, and accused French prosecutors of putting him on trial for “pro-

paganda or some other interests rather than the ones of justice.”

But Francis Szpiner, the lawyer for some civil parties to the case, countered that the trial was important to show that terrorists will always be pursued and to mark “the end of the culture of

impunity” for them.

The trial centers on four bombings: Two against French trains, another at a Paris office of an Arabic-language newspaper and yet another at a French cultural center in then-West Berlin.

Those bombings came at least

against his regime. He blames the bloodshed on “armed gangs” and extremists acting out a foreign agenda to destabilize the regime, portraying himself as the lone force who can ward off the radicalism and sectarianism that have bedeviled neighbors in Iraq and Lebanon.

The government reportedly has been facing strong resistance from army defectors who have taken refuge in the Baba Amr and surrounding areas in Homs, which has a population of some 800,000 and is some 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of the capital, Damascus.

Activists and Homs residents say government forces have fired live ammunition to break up unarmed protests and used tank guns and other heavy weapons in residential areas in recent days. At least two people were killed in the city and the surrounding province on Monday, pushing the death toll from the past 24 hours to at least 18, they said.

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It was not immediately clear

whether the government had retaken control in Homs. Activists reached by telephone said many people had fled before the raids while others were too scared to leave their homes.

“There is a major campaign of arrests going on in some of the toughest neighborhoods of the district,” an activist in Homs told The Associated Press by telephone. He spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear for his personal safety.

The government has largely sealed off the country from foreign journalists and prevented independent reporting, making it difficult to confirm events on the ground. Key sources of information are amateur videos posted online and details gathered by activist groups.

The conflict is strangling the country. The U.N. estimates some 3,000 people have been killed in the crackdown since mid-March, and international sanctions are eroding the economy.

Syria’s ambassador to Egypt and the Arab League, Youssef Ahmed, said he was “astonished” by comments made earlier this week by Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby, in which he warned that the failure of the Arab plan would have disastrous consequences.

seven years after what French investigators consider was Ramirez’s first heyday—eight attacks over two years starting in December 1973.

Ramirez is serving a life sentence for the 1975 murders of two French secret agents and an alleged informer. He was also the chief suspect in the 1975 hostage-taking of OPEC oil ministers that left three people dead.

French prosecutors claim two attacks in 1982 were carried out to pressure the government to free his girlfriend Magdalena Kopp—with whom he later married and had a daughter—and comrade Bruno Breguet.

Five people were killed in the March 1982 bombing of a Toulouse-Paris train—four five days after a deadline for the release of Kopp and Breguet sent in a letter to France’s Embassy in the Netherlands. The letter allegedly contained two fingerprints of Ramirez.

Scores were injured and a young girl was killed the next month in a bombing outside the newspaper office—the day Kopp and Breguet went on trial in another case. Both were convicted.

In Venezuela, dozens of Ramirez’s supporters protested in a Caracas plaza on Monday, chanting: “He’s not a terrorist! He’s a communist!”

The demonstrators, including Venezuelan Communist Party activists and others, held signs reading “Freedom for Carlos” and “Repatriation for Carlos,” along with a banner picturing both Ramirez and Venezuelan

President Hugo Chavez.

Ramirez’s younger brother Vladimir Ramirez led the protest outside a Venezuelan Foreign Ministry building, saying he doesn’t expect a fair trial in France. He urged Chavez’s government to intervene and demand that Ramirez’s rights be respected.

“A trial isn’t beginning today,” he told the crowd, speaking through a megaphone. “Ilich was already tried by the film ‘Carlos’ and was already tried by a partial French system.”

“It’s simply an official ceremony to finally slap Ilich with 30 more years of prison ... and condemn him to die imprisoned,” Ramirez’s brother said.

He said Ramirez was “a legitimate internationalist fighter for the Palestinian cause.”

Ramirez allegedly took hijackings, bombings and killings in mercenary style, with links for years to causes like the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and in far-left European terror groups during the latter post-World War II years of political, military and economic tensions between the communist and Western worlds.

Safe havens grew scarce and allies turned dubious for Ramirez once the world was upended by the fall of communism in 1989. French secret agents snatched him from his refuge in Khartoum, Sudan, on Aug. 14, 1994, and spirited him to Paris in a sack.

He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison three years later.

WORLD BRIEFS

Nicaragua’s Ortega re-elected in a landslide

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—President and one-time Sandinista revolutionary Daniel Ortega was re-elected in a landslide, according to results released Monday, overcoming a constitutional limit on re-election and reports of voting problems. Ortega had 63 percent support compared to 31 percent for his nearest challenger, Fabio Gadea, with 86 percent of the votes counted. Former President Arnoldo Aleman was a distant third with 6 percent. The size of Ortega’s margin of victory is likely to reduce the impact of reports of irregularities during Sunday’s vote.

Deadly riot breaks out in Liberia day before vote

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—Violence broke out at opposition headquarters, killing at least one person hours before Liberia’s presidential runoff on Tuesday, a vote that tests the West African nation’s fragile peace after a devastating civil war. Despite sharp criticism from the United States, the U.N. and election monitors, opposition leader Winston Tubman kept urging supporters to boycott Tuesday’s runoff. Demonstrators clashed with police in one rally backing the boycott, leaving one young man dead inside the headquarters of the opposition Congress for Democratic Change, or CDC, party. Nearby, four others were screaming in pain from what appeared to be bullet wounds in their legs.

Bolivia, US restore full diplomatic ties

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivia and the United States agreed Monday to restore full diplomatic ties three years after the Andean nation’s leftist government expelled the U.S. ambassador and the Drug Enforcement Administration for allegedly inciting the opposition. The two nations signed a joint framework agreement in Washington, D.C. that a U.S. official familiar with the document said seeks both to mend frayed relations and return ambassadors to the respective capitals as soon as possible. The agreement’s “objectives include strengthening and deepening” relations, according to a joint statement from the governments, including “supporting cooperative and effective action against illicit narcotics production and trafficking.”

Syrian troops storm Homs district in new bloodshed

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian troops stormed a restive neighborhood in Homs on Monday, kicking in doors and making house-to-house arrests in an area that has spiraled out of government control after nearly a week of deadly assaults, activists said.

The regime is scrambling to

clear out Baba Amr, a major center of resistance and reprisal, as Damascus faces potential fallout from the Arab League for defying a peace plan brokered by the 22-nation body with persistent violence. According to activists, more than 110 people have been reported killed in the past week in Homs, Syria’s third-largest city.

The Arab League scheduled an emergency meeting in Cairo on Saturday. It was not clear what action the league would take if the bloodshed continues, although it could isolate Syria by suspending or freezing its membership. That would be a major symbolic blow to a nation that prides itself on being a powerhouse of Arab nationalism.

Despite increasing international pressure, President Bashar Assad still has a firm grip on power and has shown no signs of moving to stop the crackdown on a nearly 8-month-old uprising

armored vehicles out of cities, release political prisoners and allow journalists and rights groups into the country. But the violence has continued unabated, prompting Qatar’s prime minister to call for an emergency meeting Saturday to discuss Damascus’ failure to abide by its commitments.

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Focus

Paralyzed man uses mind-powered robot arm to touch

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PITTSBURGH (AP)— Giving a high-five. Rubbing his girlfriend's hand. Such ordinary acts—but a milestone for a paralyzed man.

True, a robotic arm parked next to his wheelchair did the touching, painstakingly, palm to palm. But Tim Hemmes made that arm move just by thinking about it.

Emotions surged. For the first time in the seven years since a motorcycle accident left him a quadriplegic, Hemmes was reaching out to someone—even if it was only temporary, part of a month-long science experiment at the University of Pittsburgh.

"It wasn't my arm but it was my brain, my thoughts. I was moving something," Hemmes says. "I don't have one single word to give you what I felt at that moment. That word doesn't exist."

The Pennsylvania man is among the pioneers in an ambitious quest for thought-controlled prosthetics to give the paralyzed more independence—the ability to feed themselves, turn a door knob, hug a loved one.

The goal is a Star Trek-like melding of mind and machine, combining what's considered the most human-like bionic arm to date—even the fingers bend like real ones—with tiny chips implanted in the brain. Those electrodes tap into electrical signals from brain cells that command movement. Bypassing a broken spinal cord, they relay those signals to the robotic third arm.

This research is years away from commercial use, but numerous teams are investigating different methods.

At Pittsburgh, monkeys learned to feed themselves marshmallows by thinking a robot arm into motion. At Duke University, monkeys used their thoughts to move virtual arms on a computer and got feedback that let them distinguish the texture of what they "touched."

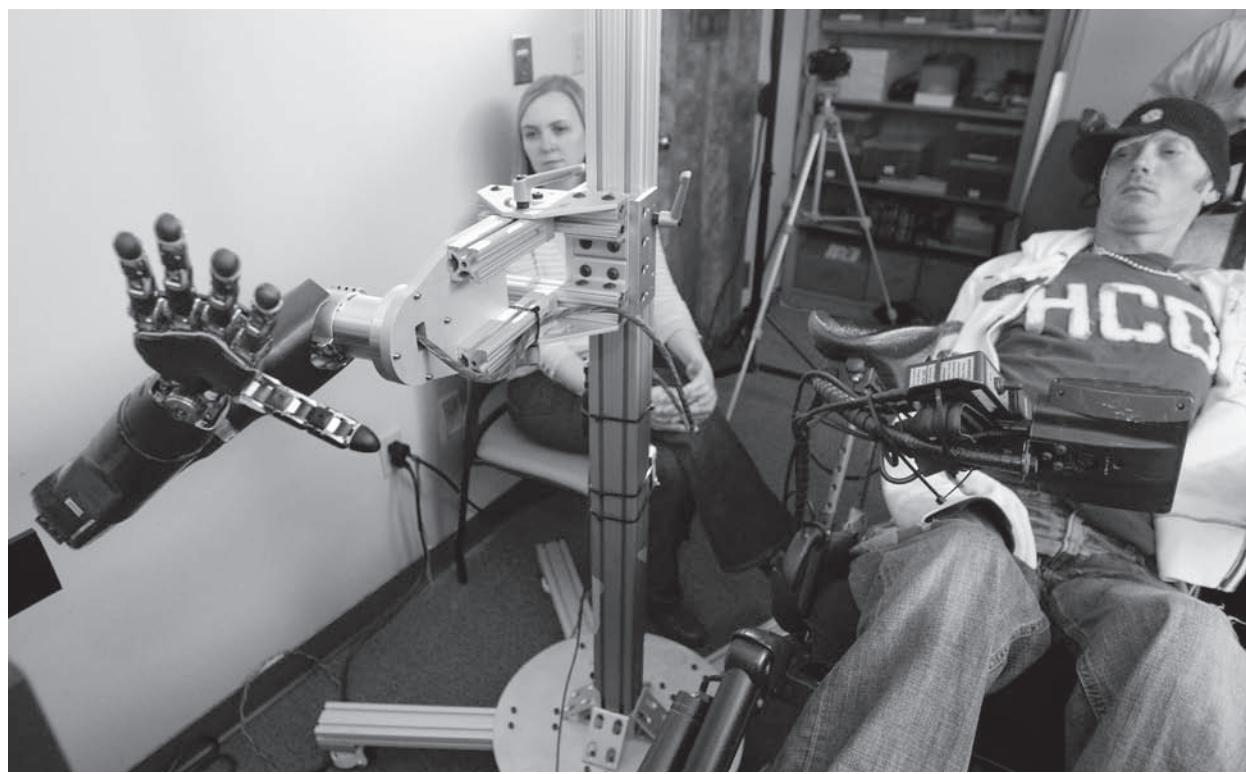
Through a project known as Brain-Gate and other research, a few paralyzed people outfitted with brain electrodes have used their minds to work computers, even make simple movements with prosthetic arms.

But can these neuroprosthetics ever offer the complex, rapid movements that people would need for more practical, everyday use?

"We really are at a tipping point now with this technology," says Michael McLoughlin of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, which developed the humanlike arm in a \$100 million project for DARPA, the Pentagon's research agency.

Pittsburgh is helping to lead a closely watched series of government-funded studies over the next two years to try to find out. A handful of quadriplegic volunteers will train their brains to operate the DARPA arm in increasingly sophisticated ways, even using sensors implanted in its fingertips to try to feel what they touch, while scientists explore which electrodes work best.

"Imagine all the joints that are in



In this photo taken Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, assistant professor Jennifer Collinger, left, watches as quadriplegic research subject Tim Hemmes operates the mechanical prosthetic arm in a testing session at a University of Pittsburgh Medical Center research facility in Pittsburgh.

your hand. There's 20 motions around all those joints," says Pittsburgh neurobiologist Andrew Schwartz. "It's not just reaching out and crudely grasping something. We want them to be able to use the fingers we've worked so hard on."

The 30-year-old Hemmes' task was a much simpler first step. He was testing whether a new type of chip, which for safety reasons the Food and Drug Administration let stay on this initial volunteer's brain for just a month, could allow for three-dimensional arm movement.

He surprised researchers the day before the electrodes were removed. The robotic arm whirred as Hemmes' mind pushed it forward to hesitantly tap palms with a scientist. Then his girlfriend beckoned. The room abruptly hushed. Hemmes painstakingly raised the black metal hand again and slowly rubbed its palm against hers a few times.

These emotional robotic touches have inspired researchers now recruiting volunteers for soon-to-start year-long experiments.

"It was awesome," is the decidedly unscientific description from the normally reserved Dr. Michael Boninger, rehabilitation chief at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "To interact with a human that way. ... This is the beginning."

Hemmes' journey began in 2004. He owned an auto-detailing shop and rode his motorcycle in his spare time. Then one summer evening he swerved to miss a deer. His bike struck a guardrail. His neck snapped.

His determination didn't. Paralyzed below the shoulders, he's tried other experimental procedures in hopes, so far unrealized, of regaining some arm function.

"I always tell people your legs are great ... but they just get you from here to there," Hemmes says as his caregiver waits to feed him a bite of a cheeseburger near his home in Butler, north of Pittsburgh. "Your arms and fingers and

hands do everything else. I have to get those back, I absolutely have to."

His ultimate goal is to hug his 8-year-old daughter. "I'm going to do whatever it takes, as long as it takes, to do that again."

Hemmes entered an operating room at UPMC with a mix of nerves and excitement.

"It's good anxiety," he says. "There is so much riding on this."

Think "I want that apple," and your arm reaches out and grasps it. You're not aware that neurons are instantaneously firing in patterns that send commands down the spinal cord—make the shoulder raise the arm, extend the elbow, flex the wrist and all five fingers.

A very similar firing occurs when you imagine movement or watch the movement you'd like to perform, explains Boninger, who with Schwartz is leading the Pittsburgh research together with a team of bioengineers, neuroscientists and physicians.

The DARPA arm was developed primarily for amputees. Separate research is under way to help them move it by using transplanted nerves to sense those brain commands. The paralyzed pose a more difficult challenge: getting those signals around a broken spinal cord.

For quadriplegic patients, scientists use implanted electrodes, called a "brain-computer interface" or BCI, to record that electrical activity. The signals move down through wires that tunnel under the skin and out by the collarbone, and are plugged into a computer or a robotic arm.

Until now, researchers mostly have tested miniature electrodes that poke inside the brain's motor cortex and record from individual cells, presumably allowing for precise movements. Pittsburgh's next test-patient will have two penetrating grids implanted in different parts of the cortex for a year to record from 200 cells altogether.

In contrast, Hemmes' chip sat on the surface of his motor cortex, a less

invasive method that records from groups of cells. The size of two postage stamps, it's based on a kind of electrical signal mapping used to track seizures in epilepsy patients.

Both approaches need study, says Daofen Chen of the National Institutes of Health, who oversees neurorehabilitation research. He compares the options to eavesdropping on a party by sending in individual microphones or setting up a recorder at the window.

Boninger adds that scar tissue can blunt the penetrating electrodes over time, and the surface chips may be easier to convert to a wireless system, which is important for commercial use.

Hemmes' operation took two hours. He had practiced imagining arm movements inside brain scanners, to see where the electrical signals concentrated. That's where neurosurgeon Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara cut, attaching the chip through an inch-wide opening on the left side of Hemmes' skull.

Two days later, Hemmes was hooked to a computer, beginning simple cursor movements. The next week, it was time to test if he could trigger real-life movement using the DARPA arm.

Hemmes reclined in his wheelchair, the robot arm bolted to a steel rod nearby. The task: make the arm reach out to grasp a ball mounted on a board.

The arm whirs forward, then stops, then goes again, then suddenly pulls back.

"It's doing the opposite of what I ask it do," Hemmes says in frustration. "When I think about reaching back, it goes forward."

Dr. Wei Wang, a member of the research team, watches Hemmes' brain patterns on a nearby computer screen, trying to match them to the robotic movements. Focus on your elbow, Wang advises.

Hemmes takes a deep breath and tries. The arm whirs forward this time, reaching the ball. The fingers clench around it.

"There's no owner's manual," Hemmes says, thrilled that the back-

and-forth pays off. "I'm training my brain to figure how to do all this."

Letting go is harder, the motor growling as the arm tugs backward before the fingers fully release. Hemmes starts imagining his hand relaxing before pulling backward, and the robot hand follows.

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Sure, a robotic hand that one day mounts to a wheelchair could be useful. But no matter how well today's prosthetics move, they've got a problem: They don't sense what they touch. Normally, instant messages flash from the skin up to the brain to say "squeeze tighter" so we don't drop that coffee cup, or "tight enough" so we don't hug too hard.

Besides, Hemmes shares the dream of many quadriplegics. He doesn't want a bionic third hand. He wants to move his own hands again.

"These are all scientific goals that are very real," Boninger says.

Recreating sensation means crafting a two-way highway with those brain chips. That's what Duke University, in a study published last week in the journal *Nature*, did with its two monkeys. When the animals "touched" objects on a computer screen with their video game-like arms, electrical signals flashed back up to implanted electrodes—different signals for different textures, to tell the objects apart.

Sensors in the DARPA arm's fingertips allow for that same kind of feedback. McLoughlin says the plan is for one of the Pittsburgh study patients to begin testing touch capability next year, with a similar attempt at the California Institute of Technology to follow.

What about moving paralyzed limbs? Duke's plan is to turn its research into a robotic exoskeleton that would help the paralyzed move their bodies.

Hemmes is more intrigued by what's called functional electrical stimulation, zapping muscles with electrical currents to make them move. At Hemmes' request, Boninger's team attempted to fit his hand with a stimulator glove that might be linked to his electrode, but it was unsuccessful. The NIH's Chen says still other researchers are working on that kind of approach.

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Hemmes likened moving the DARPA arm to learning to drive a car with a manual transmission. It took practice, but by week four he was moving the arm sideways as well as back and forth.

The fingers still clenched pretty tight, though. So when his girlfriend Katie Schaffer spoke up—"I want to hold your hand," she said on his last day of testing—Hemmes didn't dare bend them.

The two met after his accident, so he'd never before reached out to her.

"I was just trying to be gentle. I didn't want to hurt her, and I finally got there," Hemmes says. "Definitely the tears were flowing."

He says he was ready for a break after almost daily scientific testing, so removing the electrode and wires the next day wasn't a disappointment. He's confident the researchers will call him back once the technology advances.

"I believe this is the future," he says. "Just let people know there's hope."

Campus Life

US school kids showing slight improvement in math

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some progress. Still needs improvement.

The nation's report card on math and reading shows fourth- and eighth-graders scoring their best ever in math and eighth graders making some progress in reading. But the results released Tuesday are a stark reminder of just how far the nation's school kids are from achieving the No Child Left Behind law's goal that every child in America be proficient in math and reading by 2014.

Just a little more than one-third of the students were proficient or higher in reading. In math, 40 percent of the fourth-graders and 35 percent of the eighth-graders had reached that level.

The figures were from the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

"The modest increases in NAEP scores are reason for concern as much as optimism," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan. "It's clear that achievement is not accelerating fast enough for our nation's children to compete in the knowledge economy of the 21st century."

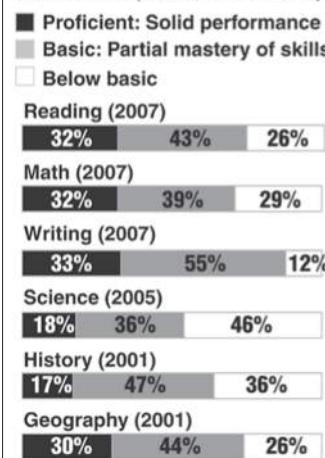
There were few noticeable changes in the achievement gap between white and black

Need for improvement

States can apply for money to reform schools from the Race to the Top fund, \$4.35 billion in federal funding made available by the stimulus.

Why change is needed

Percentage of U.S. eighth-graders who reached these levels of achievement (latest available data)



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What the guidelines are for applying for Race to the Top funding

Top winners will need to ...

- Work toward adapting internationally benchmarked standards that prepare students for college and careers
- Monitor student achievement, identify effective teaching methods
- Identify and reward effective teachers and principals

States will limit their chances of winning funding if they ...

- Limit alternative routes to certification for teachers, principals
- Cap number of charter schools

States will be ineligible if they ...

- Explicitly prohibit linking data on student achievement to teacher and principal evaluations

and number properties and measurement. The Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics administers the test. On a 500-point scale, both fourth- and eighth-graders scored on average one point higher in math in 2011 than in 2009 and more than 20 points higher than in 1990, when students were first tested in math. In reading, the score for fourth-graders was unchanged from two years ago and four points higher than in 1992, when that test was first administered. Eighth-graders in reading scored on average one point higher in 2011 than in 2009 and five points higher than in 1992.

The results come as states are clamoring for waivers to No Child Left Behind, the 2002 law that was heralded as a way to primarily help low-income and minority children. President Barack Obama in September said that since Congress had failed to rewrite the law, he was allowing states that meet certain requirements to get around it. Forty states, in addition to the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have said they intend to seek waivers, according to the Education Department. Mean-

while, there has been some progress in both the House and Senate in rewriting the law, although it's unclear whether Congress will act this year.

Bruce Fuller, a professor of education and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, said the tests indicate students showed more growth in reading during the 1990s when states had more control over school accountability efforts, and that is likely to stoke the debate over whether states should again have more control.

This was the first year that test administrators separated Asian students from a broader category that previously included Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students. In both reading and math, the average scores for Asians were higher than for other ethnic or racial groups. Nearly two-thirds of Asian fourth-graders and nearly 60 percent of Asian eighth-graders posted scores at or above proficient in math. About half of all Asian students in both grades scored at the proficient level or higher in reading.

Among the states:

- Hawaii was the only state

in which fourth- and eighth-grade students improved from 2009 to 2011 in both reading and math.

■ New Mexico, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia showed gains in math among both fourth- and eighth-graders over the same period.

■ Maryland's fourth- and eighth-graders showed improvements in reading.

■ New York was the only state to score lower in math among fourth-graders in 2011, compared to 2009.

■ Missouri was the only state where eighth-graders posted a lower score in math from two years earlier.

■ Missouri and South Dakota had lower scores among fourth-graders in reading from 2009 to 2011.

Tom Loveless, an education expert and senior policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, said any gains from 2009 to 2011 were minuscule and wouldn't even be noticed "in the real world." He said what counts is long-term growth. "Students have had a lot harder time making the gains in reading than they have in math," Loveless said.

Rota school celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Students of the caucus from Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a nationally recognized drug prevention campaign that serves as a way for schools and communities to educate and encourage students to embrace a drug-free life.

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated on Oct. 22-31, 2010.

It originated in 1985, in honor of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena, who was tortured to death while doing an undercover investigation of a major drug cartel involving politicians and high-ranking government officials.

After his death, his friends launched Camarena Clubs, in which hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives in honor of his sacrifices. The red ribbons they wore became emblematic of the anti-drug campaign.

The inspiration behind the

R.I.S.E. (Responsibility Increases Student Excellence) for Red Ribbon Week campaign was launched by the Pacific Regional Training Institute's student caucus. The students of Hawaii, Japan, Guam, the Philippines, and Rota chose one of their prevention programs to sponsor the campaign to help educate students and the community.

The PRTI student caucus campaign slogan for Red Ribbon Week was "See the Future, Be the Future."

Students heard inspirational messages from successful community leaders in a variety of occupations. According to PRTI director Edward Maratita, Jr., "Our future leaders will soon be leading the campaign against drug-related activities. The PRTI student of the caucus is a stepping stone for students to play active role in the prevention of drugs with the assistance of professionals."

"It's time that students take part in the fight against drugs," added PRTI Commander Jon Takamura.

As part of the Red Ribbon Week celebration, the PRTI kicked off one of their long awaited prevention program called B.R.A.V.E. (Bully Resistance And Victim Education). Various schools from the Department of Defense Educational Activity, Hawaii, Guam, Rota, Japan, and the Philippines availed of the pilot program.

Aside from the grants given to the various prevention programs, PRTI received its annual anonymous donation of \$50,000 to continue its efforts in the drug and violence prevention. The institute is very grateful for the generous donation.

The PRTI and students of the caucus will like to extend their appreciation to all those who helped the R.I.S.E. for Red Ribbon Week campaign activities. (PR)



The winning students of Golden Harvest International School.

GHIS students garner top forensic awards

Golden Harvest International School congratulates its students for successfully showcasing their God-given talents by winning several honors at the first Primary Grades Forensic Competition, held on Oct. 15, 2011, at San Vicente Elementary School. The school also salutes its coaches, parents, and administrators whose dedication and full support also contributed to the achievements of GHIS competitors. Keep it up! The best is yet to come!

K-2 DIVISION

1st Places

- Christine Caluya—Reader's Forum
- Elisha Lacap, Ivan Yuri Ferrera, Katelyn Capati, James Venus, Mark Chavez—Choral Speaking
- 2nd Places
- Marlon Pineda Jr.—Dramatic Interp
- Michelle Leon Guerrero—Duo Interp
- Kyla Raquel, Elisha Lacap, Gwen Gamab—Duo Interp
- Sebastian Bernardo, Raesyl Solis, Aaron Ignacio—Choral Speaking

3rd Places

- Hannah Lacap, Gwen Gamab—Dramatic Interp
- Yuri Ferrera, James Venus—Duo Interp
- Nathan Guanzing, Marlon Pineda Jr., Jude Litulmar—Choral Speaking
- 4th Places
- Raesyl Solis—Humorous Interp
- Hannah Lacap, Michelle Leon Guerrero, Kyla Raquel, Sukey Wu, Tyana Hix, Chariz Pasaylo, Christine Caluya—Choral Speaking

3-5 DIVISION

1st Places

- Devin Ayuyu—Dramatic Interp
- Angelo Talens, Fernand Ramos—Duo Interp
- Marione Corpus—Dramatic Interp
- 3rd Place
- Mathew Leon Guerrero and Ryan Divino—Duo Interp
- 4th Place
- Marione Corpus, Aaron Esquivel, Mark Ira Galang—Choral Speaking
- 5th Place
- Aaron Esquivel—Reader's Forum



Students of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja pose for a souvenir photo after their R.I.S.E. for Red Ribbon Week campaign. From left, Loreville Clitar, Marnecia Hocog, Joshua Puerto, Metka Mendiola, Jonelle Toscas, Angelica Lucero, Jordan Manglona, and Tyra Reese Calvo.

Life & Style

Jackson doctor convicted in star's drug death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's doctor was convicted Monday of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's death for supplying an insomnia-plagued Jackson with a powerful operating-room anesthetic to help him sleep as he rehearsed for his big comeback.

Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, sat stone-faced, his chin held high, as he heard the verdict that could send him to prison for up to four years and cost him his license to practice medicine. He was handcuffed and immediately led off to jail without bail to await sentencing Nov. 29.

The verdict marked the latest chapter in one of pop culture's most shocking tragedies—the 2009 drug-overdose death of the King of Pop at age 50 as he was about to mount a series of heavily promoted concerts in London that he hoped would turn his career around after a slide prompted by child-molestation allegations and years of bizarre behavior.

A shriek broke the silence in the packed courtroom when the jury's decision was read, and the crowd outside the courthouse erupted in cheers. Jubilant Jackson fans sang "Beat It" and held signs that read "Guilty" and "Killer." Drivers honked their horns.

Members of Jackson's family wept, and his mother, Katherine Jackson, said, "I feel better now." His sister La Toya said she was overjoyed and added: "Michael was looking over us."

Members of the jury were escorted from the building and not available for comment. Murray's lawyers also left without saying anything.

The jury deliberated less than nine hours after a six-week trial that depicted Jackson as a tormented genius on the brink of



AP
Dr. Conrad Murray reacts after the jury returned with a guilty verdict in his involuntary manslaughter trial, Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 in a Los Angeles courtroom.

what might have been his greatest triumph but for one impediment—extreme insomnia.

Prosecutors portrayed Murray as an incompetent doctor who administered propofol—an extremely potent anesthetic normally used during surgery—in Jackson's bedroom without adequate safeguards and botched his care when things went wrong.

Murray, who did not testify, told police that he administered only a small dose on the day Jackson died. And his lawyers blamed Jackson for his own death, saying the singer gave himself an extra, lethal dose while Murray wasn't watching.

Prosecutors said that theory was crazy, and in any case, they argued, Murray should not have left Jackson alone.

The jury was not asked to determine whether Murray actually gave Jackson the fatal dose, only whether he was primarily responsible.

sible for the singer's death.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren extended his sympathies to the Jackson family, who "lost not a pop icon, but a son and a father."

In Las Vegas, a former Murray patient and current friend, Donna DiGiacomo, sobbed and said the jury was under "overwhelming pressure to convict."

"This man didn't deserve this. They needed a scapegoat," said DiGiacomo, a former Long Island, N.Y., teacher's aide who said she didn't believe Murray did anything to intentionally harm Jackson.

Testimony came from medical experts, household employees and Murray's former girlfriends, among others. The most shocking moments, however, came when prosecutors displayed a large picture of Jackson's gaunt, lifeless body on a hospital gurney and played

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Prosecutors said Murray abandoned his medical judgment for

his drugged, slurred voice, as recorded by Murray just weeks before the singer's death.

Jackson talked about his hope of cementing a legacy larger than that of Elvis Presley or the Beatles.

"We have to be phenomenal," he said about his "This Is It" concerts in London. "When people leave this show, when people leave my show, I want them to say, 'I've never seen nothing like this in my life. Go. Go. I've never seen nothing like this. Go. It's amazing. He's the greatest entertainer in the world.'"

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money: According to testimony, Jackson planned to pay the cardiologist \$150,000 a month for an extended tour in Europe.

Murray gave up his practices in Houston and Las Vegas and agreed to travel with Jackson and be his personal physician indefinitely. For six weeks, as Jackson undertook strenuous rehearsals, Murray infused him with propofol every night, the doctor told police. He said he later tried to wean Jackson from the drug because he feared he was becoming addicted.

In the end, the doctor was never paid a penny because Jackson died before signing a contract with Murray.

The circumstances of Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, were as

bizarre as any chapter in the superstar's sensational life story.

During the last 24 hours of his life, Jackson sang and danced at a spirited rehearsal, reveling in the adulation of fans who greeted him outside. Testimony showed Murray gave Jackson intravenous doses that night of the sedatives lorazepam and midazolam. Jackson also took a Valium pill. But nothing seemed to bring sleep.

Finally, Murray told police, he gave the singer a small dose of propofol—25 milligrams—that seemed to put him to sleep. The doctor said he felt it was safe to leave his patient's bedside for a few minutes, but Jackson was not breathing when he returned. Witnesses said he was most likely dead at that point.

QUOTE BOX

Reaction to Monday's involuntary manslaughter conviction of Dr. Conrad Murray in the death of Michael Jackson:

■ "Michael was looking over us."—Jackson's sister La Toya Jackson speaking to an Associated Press reporter on the way out of the courtroom.

■ "I feel better now." Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, who says she was confident this would be the outcome of the trial.

■ "Justice was done," family patriarch Joe Jackson as he was leaving the courthouse.

■ "Absolutely justice was served," La Toya Jackson upon leaving the courthouse.

■ "This man didn't deserve this. They needed a scapegoat."—Former Murray patient and current friend, Donna DiGiacomo, 53, in Las Vegas. DiGiacomo sobbed as she spoke of the verdict and what she said she thought was "overwhelming pressure to convict."

■ "I think that unfortunately, because of AB109, that a completely potentially failed

system is now in place. It will be very difficult to achieve an appropriate sentence of incarceration for Dr. Conrad Murray."—Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, in a post-verdict news conference, referring to California's prison realignment program, which makes it unlikely that Murray will receive the maximum four-year prison term.

■ "Our sympathies go out to the Jackson family at this time for the loss that they have suffered—not a pop icon but a son and a brother—and I think that's the most important thing to keep in mind today."—Deputy District Attorney David Walgren, the case prosecutor, in a post-verdict news conference.

■ "The defense lawyers should be cited for misrep-

resenting the truth about Michael's Demerol use and the deliberate misinterpretation of my medical records which caused confusion and wrongly placed blame on me. Put simply they lied. Any sentencing Murray would get would be less than if he had stolen my car.

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■ "Certainly I feel that more punishment could and should have been served but I am pleased that this jury didn't blame Michael for his own death. ... I feel that Dr. Murray and others who benefited from Michael but didn't protect him got off relatively lightly. Michael lost his life and we lost one of the greatest entertainers that ever lived. I lost a friend and will never forget him."—Rev. Al Sharpton, a friend of the Jackson family.

■ "The Estate of Michael Jackson and Michael himself has always believed the jury system works and despite the tragedy that brought about this trial we are in agreement with the jury's verdict. In this case justice has been served. Michael is missed on a daily basis but his genius and his music will be with us forever."—Jackson's estate.

■ "Dr. Murray murdered Michael Jackson and the world now sees that. This (verdict) means more to me than anything. I'm ecstatic."—Jackson fan Tina Masters, 41, of Long Beach, standing outside the courthouse.

■ "It's just a big sigh of relief. This is a big day and one we won't forget."—Jackson supporter Robby Reverb, 49, outside the courthouse.

Lindsay Lohan checks in and out of LA County jail

LYNWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Lindsay Lohan was released from a Los Angeles County jail early Monday, less than five hours after she arrived at the crowded women's lockup to serve a 30-day sentence for violating probation.

The "Mean Girls" actress was booked into the Century Regional Detention facility in Lynwood at 8:48 p.m. Sunday, in what was expected to be a short stay because of jail overcrowding. She was released at 1:35 a.m., county sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

News crews staking out the jail said she left in a black Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicle, and that she was in her Venice home by 2 a.m.

Lohan did not get any favors, Whitmore said.

"She's treated like every other inmate who has gone through similar circumstances," he said. Lohan had until Nov. 9 to



report to the jail. It's Lohan's fifth jail sentence since being arrested twice for drunken driving in 2007.

Her brief return to jail came after Lohan completed an interview and photo shoot for Playboy magazine that will appear in the January/February issue, her spokesman Steve Honig wrote in an email Monday.

On Wednesday, a judge ordered jail time because Lohan recently violated court orders by getting booted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

The judge imposed a complicated sentence, telling Lohan that she will

now have to perform all of her community service at the county morgue or risk serving an additional 270 days in jail.

Lohan will have to serve 423 hours at the county morgue, where for nearly two weeks she has been mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms and washing dirty sheets.

The sentence also requires Lohan to undergo psychotherapy sessions and appear monthly at court hearings between December and March.

The judge also said Lohan can no longer leave the country and needs the permission of her new "no-nonsense" probation officer to travel outside California. Jail overcrowding has led to significantly

shortened jail terms.

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'Bieber will take paternity test'

ATLANTA (AP)—Justin Bieber will take a paternity test and then he plans to sue the woman who has filed a paternity suit against him, a representative for the teen pop star said Monday.

Matthew Hiltzik said the 17-year-old singer will take a paternity test when he returns to the U.S. within the next two weeks. He also said Bieber's team plans to "vigorously pursue all available legal remedies to protect Justin."

The paternity suit was filed last week in San Diego Superior Court by Mariah Yeater. She said she had just turned 19 when she and Bieber, then 16, had a brief sexual encounter after one of the singer's concerts last fall in a backstage bathroom at Los Angeles' Staples Center.

Bieber has said he's never met Yeater and has denied allegations that he fathered Yeater's 3-month-old child.

The singer was in London Monday where Bieber fever raged from the west end to the east Monday, as the pop star switched on the Christmas



lights at the city's two biggest shopping malls.

Thousands of young and mostly female fans waited hours for Bieber to appear, first at the Westfield shopping center in west London, then hours later at the new Westfield Stratford City mall near the 2012 Olympic Park in the east. Bieber traveled the 12 miles between the malls by helicopter.

The star, who won two prizes at Sunday's MTV Europe Music Awards in Belfast, told fans that his favorite thing about London was "all the girls."

Bieber, dressed in a gray woolen hat and black leather jacket, said backstage Monday that despite the ups and downs, he was grateful for his fans.

"I take it with a grain of salt. It's been incredible, my fans are amazing and I wouldn't have it any other way," he said.

AP
Justin Bieber performs at Westfield Stratford, in London on Monday, Nov. 7, 2010, during a ceremony to switch on the Christmas lights.

Brody Jenner, Avril Lavigne report assault

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reality TV star Brody Jenner says he was hit with a bottle outside the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, and girlfriend singer Avril Lavigne tweeted that she was also attacked.

Los Angeles police Sgt. Keith Green said Monday that Jenner filed a police report of assault with a deadly weapon after being hit early Sunday outside the popular nightspot.

Green says Jenner was not given medical help and no one was arrested.

Green could not confirm Lavigne's involvement, but on her Twitter account, she said she "got attacked by 5 people last night out of nowhere. Not cool."

Jenner is the son of Olympian Bruce Jenner and a regular on MTV's "The Hills." He's also a stepbrother of the Kardashian sisters and has appeared on their reality show.

Singer Adele has vocal cord surgery in Boston

BOSTON (AP)—Adele has undergone throat surgery to stop a recurrent condition that caused her to cancel tour dates and promotional appearances for the rest of the year.

A spokesman for Massachusetts General Hospital says the British singer underwent vocal cord microsurgery to stop recurrent bleeding from a benign polyp. The condition is usually the result of unstable blood vessels in the vocal cord that can rupture.

The hospital says the 23-year-old Grammy winner came to Boston to undergo the surgery with Dr. Steven Zeitels, director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Voice Center. The hospital says Zeitels expects Adele to make a full recovery from the laser microsurgery.

Columbia Records announced last month that the "Rolling in the Deep" singer would have throat surgery.

In this Aug. 28, 2011 file photo, singer Adele is shown at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.



Kelly Osbourne out of hospital after head injury

MIAMI (AP)—Media personality and reality star Kelly Osbourne says she has been released from a Miami hospital after being treated for a head injury.

The 27-year-old E! Fashion Police co-host Tweeted on Sunday that she was given the "all clear" and was released from Mercy Hospital, which declined

comment Monday.

The nature of the injury and how Osbourne was hurt were not immediately clear. She tweeted that she had cracked her head open, though her publicist has not released any details.

Osbourne was in Miami attending a model casting call

for Madonna's Material Girl clothing line.

Osbourne found fame after appearing on the reality series "The Osbournes" alongside her family, including rock star Ozzy Osbourne. She has recorded several albums and appeared on "Dancing with the Stars" in 2009.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Young TV actor Loder charged in NC burglary effort

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Actor Keson Mitchell Loder, whose television credits include "CSI" and "ER," faces a court hearing in Wilmington on charges he attempted a burglary at a mobile phone store. The StarNews of Wilmington reported that the 18-year-old was arrested on charges of attempted breaking and entering, possession of burglary tools and carrying a concealed weapon. Loder's acting stage name is K'Sun Ray. Superior Court records in New Hanover County indicate a court hearing is

scheduled next week. It was not clear Monday whether he has an attorney. Police say Loder was arrested last month after cutting an alarm system cable and trying to enter a mobile phone store through a side door. Employees confronted Loder and he ran away, but was caught by a police officer.

Miller, Cumberbatch vie for London theater prize

LONDON (AP)—"Frankenstein" co-stars Jonny Lee Miller and Benedict Cumberbatch are competing for the best actor prize at London's Evening Standard Theater

Awards. They alternated the roles of Victor Frankenstein and his monstrous creature in director Danny Boyle's production. They're up against Bertie Carvel for "Matilda: The Musical" and Charles Edwards for "Much Ado About Nothing." Best actress contenders announced Monday are Kristin Scott Thomas for "Betrayal," Samantha Spiro for "Chicken Soup With Barley" and Sheridan Smith for "Flare Path." Best-play finalists are Gina Gionfriddo's "Becky Shaw," "Tribes" by Nina Raine and two plays by Richard Bean - climate-change comedy "The Heretic" and knockabout farce "One Man, Two Guvnors." Winners will be announced Nov. 20.

Noise from guest bedroom leaves hosts speechless

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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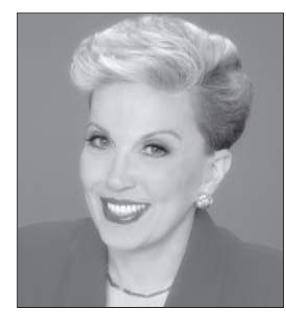
DEAR ABBY: My son invited two friends to our home for the weekend. We had never met them before, but they seemed nice.

At bedtime, the young man was on the couch and the girl was in our spare bedroom. In the middle of the night, I was awakened to loud lovemaking noises. They grew louder and louder, and the headboard was banging against our bedroom wall. My husband and I were mortified. Finally, I banged on the wall and it stopped. We couldn't believe these kids would act that way in someone's home.

They left before breakfast, so we didn't have to face them in the morning. What was proper here? Would it have been appropriate to knock on the bedroom door and ask the guy—or both of them—to leave?

I told my son about it the next day. He was embarrassed and apologized for his friends. What should we do if this ever happens again?

RED-FACED IN MICHIGAN



Dear Abby

DEAR RED-FACED: Unless you first required your son's friends to sign an abstinence pledge before bedding down at your place, you were right not to have evicted them before morning. Next time, keep this from happening by having your son tip them off at bedtime that you're light sleepers and prefer not to be awakened by "nocturnal whoopee."

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DEAR ABBY: When I'm reading a book, my husband chooses that moment to begin a conversation. If I don't immediately put it down and give him my full attention, he gets upset and says I'm being rude to continue reading and not talk to him.

I think it's rude of HIM to interrupt me when I'm reading. These aren't important conversations or even questions he needs immediate answers to. They are conversations we could easily share over dinner, or later when I'm not reading.

I love to read, but as a busy mom I rarely have the time. Being interrupted during those rare moments drives me crazy and makes me feel even crazier when I'm accused of being rude if I don't want to chat right then. Who's right and who's rude?

TRYING TO FINISH MY BOOK

DEAR TRYING TO FINISH: Frankly, I think your husband is right. He may not need the answer to his question as much as he needs your companionship at the time he's reaching out. If finishing a chapter is so important that you can't take a few minutes and talk with him, then suggest that in 15 to 20 minutes you can give him the rest of the evening to talk. If my husband is involved in a project, or I am, that's what we do, and it works for us.

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DEAR ABBY: How do you handle a relative who seems to think your house is her own personal garage sale site? She ruffles through my closets, brings out clothing, and then asks, "What can I pay you for this?" She also looks around our garage for items that are being stored and asks the same question.

She would never act this way at a friend's home, but somehow it's different with me. By the way, she's my sister.

NO SALE IN AUSTIN

DEAR NO SALE: Because it's your sister and not some nervy acquaintance, be light-handed in your response. Smile and say, "I'm not ready to let it go, but when I am, you'll be the first to know." Then get her out of your closet or garage and direct the conversation elsewhere.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



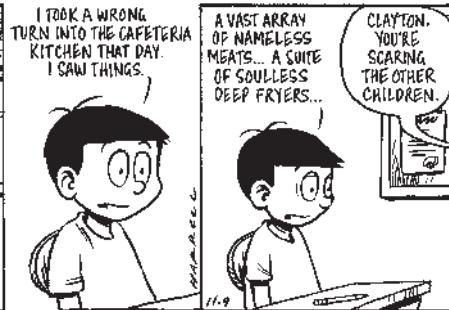
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The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Nick Lachey, 38; Eric Dane, 39; Susan Tedeschi, 41; Lou Ferrigno, 60.

Happy Birthday: Don't let someone sweep in and take over. Put a little muscle behind what you want and do your best to turn any negative you face into a positive. Don't expect things to just happen; action must be taken. You are the master of your own destiny. Your numbers are 3, 8, 23, 29, 32, 37, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ask questions and talk about what's expected of you. Preparation will be a key component to your success. Your mood will be dependent on how things go. Romance is in the stars, and a celebration will ease your stress. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep busy. Learn all you can about something you are trying to master. Participation will make the difference. Networking and being receptive to different ways of doing things will help you advance. Emphasis should be placed on health and well-being. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your home is your castle. Spend time fixing things up to better suit your needs. Take a look at an investment. It is probably time to make a change. Keep your assets accessible so you can take advantage of a good deal. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Participate in a cause you believe in. Reach out to people you feel can help as well as to those who need assistance. Collaborating will put you in a good position and help to build strong al-

liances with people who can be of benefit to you personally. **★★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't push your luck when dealing with superiors. If you overreact, you will end up losing. Practical application will pay off. Concentrate on what you can do to make yourself the best that you can be mentally, physically and emotionally. **★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interact with people who have something to offer. The more knowledge you can pick up, the better equipped you will be to handle whatever comes your way. Expanding your interests or friendships will lead to a change of heart and opinion. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change can do you good. Visiting someone you don't see often will lead to an opportunity. You can make a personal change that will bring compliments your way. You don't need to go overboard to get a reaction. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be pulled in two different directions when it comes to emotional matters. Step back and reassess your situation before taking action. Ask questions if you are unclear about where you stand or what's expected of you. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mix business with pleasure. Offer suggestions based on experience to those interested in taking part in your work. Communication, along with mixing the old with the new, will bring splendid results. **★★★**

BIRTHDAY BABY: You have great desire to reach your goals. You are an adventurer.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A chance to improve your home and your personal relationships looks promising. Go above and beyond the call of duty and you will get twice as much in return. You must take advantage of an investment opportunity. Filter through your options. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): As long as you stay calm and stick to basics, you will have ample time to accomplish your goals. An unusual turn of events will lead to a profitable ending. Love is in the stars, and celebrating should be your plan. **★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Rely on experience to see your way through a trying situation. Avoid reunions with people who have never been an asset. Be honest with yourself about the way you feel, and you will make the right decision. **★★★★**

BIRTHDAY BABY: You have great desire to reach your goals. You are an adventurer.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SLINGSHOTS

Solution: 7 letters

R	L	H	L	D	M	A	K	E	R	S	C	S	S	P
B	E	U	L	L	N	O	M	I	L	T	A			
C	A	B	A	E	R	O	T	S	S	N	D	O	E	C
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C	R	B	O	L	E	I	B	L	O	I	R			

2N Enterprises - Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) Electrician, Salary: \$5,05/hr. Installation and repair of wiring, lighting, fixtures, power distribution equipment, devices, power systems, controls and relays. Plans layout, installation and service of electrical equipment, raceways and conductors, measures, cuts, bends and threads and installs all types of electrical conduit using hand, mechanical and hydraulic benders. Blueprint reading and interpretation capabilities required. Plans new and modified installations to minimize waste of material and to maximize performance of systems.
 Interested applicants may send resume to PO Box 50350 Saipan, MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement
3 General Helper. Minimum of 5 years experience. Willing to work on flexible time. \$ 5.05/hr
4 Beautician (All Around). \$ 5.05/hr
 Bespren Development Corp.
 dba Carefree Services / Exquisite Beauty Salon
 Please contact Rudy at 233-6927

CGI, INC.
 Job Vacancy Announcement
(2) Commercial Cleaner. High School graduate w/ 5yrs of work related experience. Must have own transportation to job sites. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.
(2) House Worker. High School graduate w/ 5yrs minimum experience. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.
 Please submit your resume to tec_cabatifica@yahoo.com, no phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Store Manager (1)
 2 years experience. Associate's Degree. Can speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese and English. Must be trustworthy.
Jewelry Salesman (1)
 2 years experience. Associate's Degree. Can speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese and English. Must be trustworthy.
 Please call 233-2368 J&ET Inc.
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Job Vacancy Announcement
Bookkeeper
 • with 5 years minimum experience
 • must have strong communication skills and can work on flexible hours without supervision
 • knowledge in online marketing preferred
 Please contact (670) 235-1004 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm
JOCELYN MONES TAITANO
 Accounting Services and Online Marketing

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JTL PLANTATION NEEDS:
One (1) Farmer – High School graduate or it's equivalent w/ at least (1) year experience in agriculture & livestock farming. Clean, neat, organized, able to feed animals everyday. Knows how to cultivate the soil, plant & nurture vegetables. Works with less supervision. Willing to work on weekends. Applicant must be honest, trustworthy & hardworking. Applicant is subject to criminal background check.
 Interested applicants must submit resume & police clearance to our office located on the 2nd flr of Quad 1's Bldg (where the Bank of Saipan Garapan is located); you may call 233-6183 for inquiries.

Northern Marianas Trades Institute
 has an opening for
Maintenance
 Please apply at Saipan Ice & Water Company or send resume to spnive@pticom.com.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Saipan Divers
 (2) Diving Instructor - with 2-5 years experience, salary \$1200 per month, know how to speak English and Japanese, with PADI instructor license. Please email resume at info@chuladive.com.

Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) General Manager, Salary: \$2,000 - \$2,500. 10 yrs work exp. Preferably speak and write Japanese.
(1) Mechanical Engineer, Salary: \$1,700 - \$2,200. 10 yrs work exp. w/Bachelors Degree.
 Qualified U.S. workers send resume to Sanki Co. Ltd. at sanki@pticom.com

Se Hoon Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) Manager. 3-10 years experience, (1) Tour Guide Supervisor, 2-5 years experience, (6) Tour Guide, 2-5 years experience.
 Interested U.S. Citizen applicant must fax resume to 322-3316.

Vacancy Announcement
(1) Housekeeper
 General housekeeping duties. Salary: \$5.05/hour.
 3-5 years of experience. Flexible schedule.
 Email twentyfirstent@yahoo.com.

Job Vacancy Announcement
6-Fishermen
 2 years experience in trolling, diving, and bottom fishing. Minimum salary.
1 – Administrative Assistant (Sales and related occupation)
 At least 3 years experience in fish mart business required. Willing to work in a flexible schedule. Minimum salary

Sumy, Incorporated is now hiring
(1) General Manager, 5 yrs. Experience in Commercial Space Rental business. Can speak both English and Korean. Interested party shall submit resume with the police clearance and the recommendation letter from previous employer to SUMY, Incorporated or fax to 235-0697.
No Phone Calls Please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Maintenance Repairer - \$5.05/hr.
 With 5 years experience, high school graduate or equivalent. Can fix and maintain electrical, mechanical and small engines. Can work flexible hours including holidays and weekends.
 Send resume to P.O. Box 8070 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950
TC SERVICES ENTERPRISES

Triple M's Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(2) Cook, (5) Baker, (4) Beautician, (1) Maintenance & (1) Certified Therapist
 Minimum 5 yrs work experience, willing to work flexible hours. Submit resume at Fong's Bakery in Chalan Kanoa, Tel no. 235-1071

Vacancy Announcement
(1) Bar Manager. 2-5yrs experience, good communication in English and Japanese and can work with flexible time.
 Interested U.S. applicants may drop resume at Ocean's Club Disco and Bar in Garapan between 7pm-9pm or email resume to rei_yamagishi@hotmail.com No phone calls please. WTT (USA), LLC-PO Box 5353 CHRB

Song & Jang Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) Manager. 3-10 years experience, (1) Tour Guide Supervisor, 3-10 years experience, (6) Tour Guide, 2-5 years experience, (1) Rental Coordinator, 2-3 years experience, (1) Delivery, 2-3 years experience, (7) Masseuse, 2-5 years experience.
 Interested U.S. Citizen applicant must fax resume to 322-3316.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Interested applicants may submit their resume to P.O. Box 50374 Saipan MP 96950

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MISA ENTERPRISES
 P.O. Box 500089 Saipan 96950
 Tel# 234-6900
GENERAL MAINTENANCE (1):
 REQ: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.
 Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience. Applications can be picked-up at Kinpachi Restaurant, MISA Building 4, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
GOOD CARE, LLC
(1) Interpreter
 Must have 4 years experience as interpreter. Must be fluent in writing and reading Japanese and English. Knowledgeable about tourism industry preferred. Must have experience in general office work. Salary: \$6.92-\$7.25/hr.
 Interested qualified US workers can send resume to goodcare@pticom.com

BDC Consultancy (Saipan) LLC
JOV VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
POSITION: (3) Administrative Assistant
SALARY: \$5.05 - \$7.00 per hour
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree
Experience: Minimum 10 years office work
Skills and Qualifications: Must be computer literate, knowledgeable in processing U.S. immigration definitions, terms, and procedures and be able to pass an English reading and comprehension test.
Other duties: as required by management.
 Appointments for interviews please call: 234-8801. Bring resume and police clearance.

Choi Corporation
dba: Korea Hardware
is now hiring
 1 - Assistant Manager
 1 - Building Electrician
 1 - Material Coordinator
 2 - Sales Representative with 5-10 yrs. experience in hardware store. Can speak both English and Korean.
 1 - Accountant/ Bookkeeper with 10 yrs. experience in hardware store.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ACCOUNTANT (1) – Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a minimum of 5 years work related experience, proficient in MS Word, Excel, Peachtree and QuickBooks, knowledge of General Accounting and aviation industry, maintain book of accounts, knows how to prepare Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation, Bookkeeping, Year End Reports, Revenue requirements, Accounts receivables and payables, payroll, withholding tax, FICA, BGRT, excise tax and other work assigned; drop and pick up of customers, booking of charter flights, medical evacuation preparation and directly report to the President. Rate: \$5.05 to \$ 7.50/hr.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
3 – Merchandiser
11 – Sales Associate
2 – Sales Team Leader
2 – Maintenance
2 – Cook
2 – Artist (Tatoo & Magician)
AC PACIFIC LLC,
DBA STAR SANDS PLAZA
NO PHONE CALL
 SEND RESUME TO E-MAIL ADDRESS:
STARSDSPLAZA@GMAIL.COM
POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Tutor for High School and College Students
 Must have a Bachelor's Degree majoring in Math or Science from a U.S. Accredited Institution.
 Must have valid CNMI-PSS Teaching Certificate for Secondary Level
 Must have experience teaching in a post-secondary level, cross-cultural environment.
 Work Schedule: Mon-Fri 4:00pm - 9:00pm and weekends as needed.
 Salary: \$6.00 per hour
(1) Accountant
 5 years minimum experience in general accounting
 Proficient in Peachtree Accounting Software
 Works with less supervision, honest and dependable.
 Background checks, and knowledge testing may be done prior to employment.
 Qualified US workers can submit their resume with Certificate of employment and police clearance to 2nd Flr. of Quad 1's Bldg. (Where Bank of Saipan, Garapan Branch is located) or you may send it to quad1@pticom.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Administrative Assistant (1) - \$5.05/hr
 Qualifications: Must be College Degree. Must be proficient in Quickbooks. Must have computer skills and strong general record keeping background and experience. Must be familiar and must understand Federal and CNMI Law. Must have excellent Customer Service. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the Manager.
 Requirements: Must have 5 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed
General Maintenance (1) - \$5.05/hr
 Qualifications: Maintain laundry facilities, equipment to include welding, carpentry, painting, pipe fittings, plumbing, and electrical. Must have knowledge in fixing boilers, dry cleaning machines and commercial laundry washers. Must know how to put roofing. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the manager.
 Requirements: Minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed
Laundry Helper (2) - \$5.05/hr
 Qualifications: Must be high school graduate, can work on flexible hours. Can iron clothes 30 pcs a day, must know how to operate steam press, can stand pressing for 8 hrs daily, can work on a hot environment and no health problem such as High Blood Pressure and other sickness.
 Requirements: minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance or any Employment Certificate
 Fabriclean of CNMI dba Marianas Cleaners
 Contact Person: John Guzman (NO PHONE CALLS)

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
1 - Commercial Cleaner with previous experience.
 Interested party shall submit their resume with the police clearance and the recommendation letter from previous employer to Korea Hardware or fax to 235-0697.
No Phone Calls Please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
GENERAL MECHANIC (1) – Minimum of 5 years professional experience as general mechanic, repairs and maintains physical structures of the facility, repairs of vehicles, office machines and equipments, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, air condition, and all other equipments of the company. Rate: \$5.05 to \$ 7.50/hr.
 Interested applicants can mail their resume at P.O. Box 7688 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950 or may email to saipan@americopters.com.
No phone calls please.

Geotesting, Inc. has openings for:
One (1) Soils/Materials Technician Supervisor
Qualifications: Associates degree in Civil Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two years experience as a Soils/Materials Technician Supervisor or Soils/Materials Engineer.
Duties: Reviews requirements of new projects and assists in preparation of proposals for clients based on the project requirements, scope of site and subsurface explorations and laboratory testing requirements. Visits project sites and evaluate surface and probable subsurface soil and rock conditions, and other data. Supervises soils/materials technicians in performing laboratory and field testing on soils, concrete, aggregates, bituminous mixtures, and other related materials. Summarizes and prepares reports of the laboratory and field testing data.
One (1) Senior Soils/Materials Technician
Qualifications: Associates degree in Civil Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two years experience as a Senior Soils/Materials Technician, Soils/Materials Technician Supervisor, or Material Quality Supervisor.
Duties: Performs laboratory and field testing on soils, concrete, aggregates, bituminous mixtures, and other related materials. Tests will include, but are not limited to, grain size analysis, compaction, liquid limit and plasticity index, bearing ratio, specific gravity, sand equivalent, and concrete compressive and tensile strength testing. Performs tests borings and obtains subsurface soil samples. Observes excavation and back filling. Performs tests for design mix for concrete and bituminous mixes. Perform concrete mix design and asphalt mix design. Reviews laboratory and field test data of soils, aggregates, concrete, and asphalt mixtures. Performs infiltration tests in the soils. Field samplings of soils, concrete and bituminous mixtures. May assist in supervising work of soils/materials technicians.
Three (3) Soils/Materials Technicians
Qualifications: Associates degree in Civil Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two years experience as a Soils/Materials Technician.
Duties: Performs laboratory and field testing on soils, concrete, aggregates, bituminous mixtures, and other related materials. Tests will include, but are not limited to, grain size analysis, compaction, liquid limit and plasticity index, bearing ratio, specific gravity, sand equivalent, and concrete compressive and tensile strength testing. Performs tests borings and obtains subsurface soil samples. Observes excavation and back filling. Performs tests for design mix for concrete and bituminous mixes. Performs infiltration tests in the soils. Field samplings of soils, concrete and bituminous mixtures.
One (1) Bookkeeper
Qualifications: Associates degree in Accounting (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent), two years experience as bookkeeper or accountant, and working knowledge of QuickBooks software.
Duties: Records company's business transactions and retains all accounting records. Posts, verifies, and reconciles accounts payable, accounts receivable, expenses, payroll, and other ledger accounts. Prepares preliminary financial reports by collecting, analyzing, and summarizing account information. Prepares payroll and payroll taxes and distributions to government. Prepares gross receipts tax returns. Documents business transactions and verifies purchase orders and other financial transactions in order to substantiate the transactions prior to settlement. Prepares cash reconciliation, balances check books, and makes bank deposits.

The INTERNATIONAL GOLF ACADEMY @ LAOLAO BAY has or will have openings for people of character and experience who are willing to work outside their job description as needed. Own transportation required. U.S. citizens or USCIS work authorized residents.
Nurse (registered) - Nutritionist (certified); minimum 2 years experience working w/ 8-18 year old youth & adult physiology. Have integrated skills into a golf training regimen. Bi-lingual incl. English. Submit resume, references, RN & certification docs.
Chef. 5 years minimum experience. Convert Nutritionist's recommendations into menu - American, Russian, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, local; Plan, budget, purchase, supervise staff, and prepare healthy buffet for 40 to 60 children/adults 3xs/day. Food handling/safety certification. Bi-lingual incl. English. Submit resume, references, & certificates.
Mandarin instructor/tutor. English speaking. Full time. 2 years experience minimum. Work with 40-60 children & adults. Resume, references, & other credentials.
Commercial Cleaner. Knowledgeable & experienced in office, residential, commercial kitchen, & restroom w/o cross-contamination. Linen & laundry processing. Manual & Electric equipment use. English speaking. Submit resume & references.
Professional golf instructor. USGA certified. 9 years experience. Bi-lingual including English. Submit resume & copy of certification.
Artist/Designer. Websites, printed materials, banners, signs, translucent, interior design & decoration. University trained. Provide resume, references, & samples of work.
Marketing Manager. Strong sales & management experience, 3 years minimum verifiable. Provide resume, references. Bi-lingual English-Korean.

Post resume/references/other document no later than 14 November: IGA, LLC, P.O. Box 5318 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. No phone calls or walk-ins please. Background checks done. IGA is a drug-free workplace.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 P.O. Box 602149, Saipan MP 96950
 Tel: (670) 234-6245/6293/1457/146 • Fax: (670) 235-7147
 Email: administration@cda.gov.mp • Website: www.cda.gov.mp
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-07-RFP
LOAN UNDERWRITER
 The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMICAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).
 The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds for the amount of \$13,168,350 for Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.
 The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.
 The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
 CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to \$5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.
 The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully
 /s/ **MANUEL A. SABLON**
 Executive Director

CDA
 /s/ **HERMAN S. SABLON**
 Director, Procurement & Supply

If interested, send resume to Geotesting, Inc. by email to geotesting@geoguam.com or by fax at 670-235-5000. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within one week of acceptance to hire.

Carrier Guam, Inc. is looking for**PROJECT ENGINEER****Job Description:**

- Team leader for Carrier Saipan branch operations.
- Responsible in making decision regarding normal or routine transactions under the guidance and approval of the Manager in accordance with Carrier Corporation policies and procedures.
- Reports to the Branch Manager on carrier Saipan operations.
- Directs support to off-shore dealer's accounts; attends to HVAC system inquiries; sales or technical issues, accessories and parts from customers Offshore (Japan, and Diego Garcia; prepares estimates and quotations).
- Attends to HVAC inquiries in the CNMI including FAS Marshalls Islands, Palau.
- Does other related jobs as required by the Manager.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree preferably in Mechanical Engineering.
- Knowledge and background of HVAC Systems.
- Minimum of 3-5 years experience in installation, supervision and design of HVAC Systems and Equipment.
- Knowledgeable in Computer HVAC Builder Programs.
- Knowledge or background in SAP applications.

REFRIGERATION & AIR CON TECHNICIAN**Job Description:**

- Performs services and Preventive Maintenance on industrial, commercial and residential air conditioning & refrigeration system including AC units with Building Management System (BMS), AC units with Variable Volume and Temperature (VVT).
- Performs troubleshooting and repair of various types of air conditioning and refrigeration systems.
- Performs installation, start-up, testing and commissioning of various Air Conditioning equipments.
- Prepares estimate & quotation for the supply of Residential and Light Commercial Airconditioning.
- Prepares estimate and quotation for repair works, including equipment and/or parts replacement.
- Coordinates with customers to meet their preliminary requirements on installation of equipment.

Qualifications:

- Must have EPA Universal license.
- Preferably knowledgeable in HVAC troubleshooting and repairs, installation, commissioning and preventive maintenance, with minimum work experience of 3-5 years or related equivalent.
- Preferably with experience in the start-up and commissioning of Chillers.
- Knowledgeable in MS Word and MS Excel.
- Must be a graduate of 2-year vocational course on Refrigeration and Airconditioning or its equivalent.

ACCOUNTANT**Job Description:***Finance & Accounting, Controls & Compliance:*

- Responsible for the daily accounting, reporting, finance and tax and regulatory compliance of the branch.
- Provides financial information and reports of the branch as required by management.
- Maintains company's ledgers; reconcile various GL account analysis and ensure accurate recording of transactions.
- Does audit function of petty cash fund; verifies the accuracy of the charges and reports to Guam office.
- Prepares annual physical inventory count of the branch.
- Prepares payment vouchers for branch and other related disbursement activities.
- Maintain records of fixed assets including any acquisition, deletions.
- Prepare journal vouchers for as required and other adjustments as may deem necessary.
- Ensures compliance of accounting controls and procedures in compliance with UTC/ Carrier Finance policies and procedures.
- Ensures compliance of CNMI rules and regulations including business tax returns, license, occupancy and zoning and other related regulatory requirements.
- Performs other accounting functions as may deem necessary.

Credit / Collections:

- Performs as credit controller of the branch.
- Follow up customer payments; reviews aging report and coordinate with customers in the expeditious settlement of their account.
- Send statement of accounts and resolve any outstanding amount of customers.
- Prepares receiving vouchers for all customer payments received for the period; forward documents to Guam for booking.
- Perform annual credit review of all Saipan customers.

Sales Support:

- Prepares weekly and monthly sales report for Forecast Package.
- Monitor daily sales report; verifies the postings of correct codes; ensure prompt reporting of any adjustments.
- Verifies all cash sales from store and service departments.
- Process goods received notes for all incoming shipments; indent and regular stocks including the related costs.
- Process credit notes for any adjustments, price discrepancy returns and other related transactions as required.
- Prepares sales ledger adjustments to reconcile with the sales ledger account.

Administrative Support:

- Responsible in reporting any IT issues and concerns at branch.
- Promotes and strengthens ACE program of the branch.
- Ensures compliance of EH & S issues in accordance with UTC Safety Rules and Policies.
- Performs as Human Resource Coordinator and administrative officer of the branch.

Qualifications:

- Four (4) year Bachelor Degree in Accounting /college diploma or its equivalent.
- At least 3-5 years experience in HVAC industry.
- Knowledge in accounting, auditing and regulatory compliance.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, communication skills and interaction with internal and external customers.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines in accounting closing period.
- Knowledge of Opera II software and other related accounting software.
- Must have experience in letter of credit.

PROJECT COORDINATOR**Job Description:**

- Prepares quotations on equipment & parts.
- Coordinates work schedules for service and projects jobs.
- Prepares electronic time ticket of technician.
- Prepares invoices for jobs < \$500.00.
- Prepares job costing analysis for job < \$500.00.
- Prepares Purchase Orders.
- Maintains PO Log Tracking and forwards to Guam Office.
- Reconciles vendor accounts.
- Receives and accepts service calls.
- Prepares Pro-forma Invoice for project and secures payment.
- Prepares Sales Order for RLC, Project and when ordering parts for store.
- Coordinates with Guam (Store) regarding request for transhipment of parts and equipment.
- Coordinates with off-island customers on payment, order status and other after-sales services.
- Prepares monthly Backlog reports.
- Provides support in tracking orders and provide status to team members.
- Updates status of customers orders and job status.
- In-charge of airline booking, hotel and accommodation booking for personnel on official trips.
- Input time in/ time out on electronic file and submit to Guam for approvals.
- Collates all necessary shipping documents of shipments then submit to Accounting for GRN.
- Issues OR and prepares STR.
- Issues Store Requisition when store personnel is not available.
- Assists store as needed.
- Assists Project Sales in other needed documents.
- Inquire parts availability from Guam store, ARCD & vendors.
- Coordinates with forwarders in all shipping related matters.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 3 - 5 years of administrative duties and related experience.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, Word, Excel and Power Point.
- Preferably college graduate or its equivalent educational degree.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, communication skills, phone skills/telephone manners.
- Ability to prioritize project, work relatively independently, manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Knowledge in Pegasus Opera II System, SAP & HVAC.
- Ability to be flexible, proactive and disciplined required.
- Ability to respond to customer inquiries and needs.
- Must have experience in Letters of Credit.

Interested applicants may get application form at
Carrier Guam, Inc. Saipan Branch office, Moir Building, Chalan Pale Arnold Road.
Submit Application with Resume, Photo ID and Police/Court Clearance no later than November 11, 2011.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**Yano Enterprises, Inc.**

Maintenance (1): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license & be flexible in work hours. Must be capable of supervising & doing advanced levels of skilled trade works (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscaping) & be proficient in using equipment including hand & power tools.

Cook (1): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Applicants of positions listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Garapan, Hotel Street. No phone calls please.

CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classified Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as \$27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS

	COMBO	(PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	\$15	\$27
• 5-Liner	\$24	\$39
• 3-Liner with picture	\$24	\$42
• 5-Liner with picture	\$36	\$57

ADVERTISING DEADLINE**Classified Ads**

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:

■ All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION**Classified Ads**

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the *Saipan Tribune* are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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Saipan Tribune

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Boxing great Joe Frazier dies after cancer fight



PHILADELPHIA

(AP)—He beat Muhammad Ali in the Fight of the Century, battled him nearly to the death in the Thrilla in Manila. Then Joe Frazier spent the rest of his life trying to fight his way out of Ali's shadow.

That was one fight Frazier never could win.

He was once a heavyweight champion, and a great one at that. Ali would say as much after Frazier knocked him down in the 15th round en route to becoming the first man to beat Ali at Madison Square Garden in March 1971.

But he bore the burden of being Ali's foil, and he paid the price. Bitter for years about the taunts his former nemesis once threw his way, Frazier only in recent times came to terms with what happened in the past and said he had forgiven Ali for everything he said.

Frazier, who died Monday night after a brief battle with liver cancer at the age of 67, will forever be linked to Ali. But no one in boxing would ever dream of anointing Ali as The Greatest unless he, too, was linked to Smokin' Joe.

"I will always remember Joe with respect and admiration," Ali said in a statement. "My sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones."

They fought three times, twice in the heart of New York City and once in the morning in a steamy arena in the Philippines. They went 41 rounds together, with neither giving an inch and both giving it their all.

In their last fight in Manila in 1975, they traded punches with a fervor that seemed unimaginable among heavyweights. Frazier gave almost as good as he got for 14 rounds, then had to be held back by trainer Eddie Futch as he tried to go out for the final round, unable to see.

"Closest thing to dying that I know of," Ali said afterward.

Ali was as merciless with Frazier out of the ring as he was inside it. He called him a gorilla, and mocked him as an Uncle Tom. But he respected him as a fighter, especially after Frazier won a decision to defend his heavyweight title against the then-unbeaten Ali in a fight that was so big Frank Sinatra was shooting pictures at ringside and both fighters earned an astonishing \$2.5 million.

The night at the Garden 40 years ago remained fresh in Frazier's mind as he talked about his life, career and relationship with Ali a few months before he died.

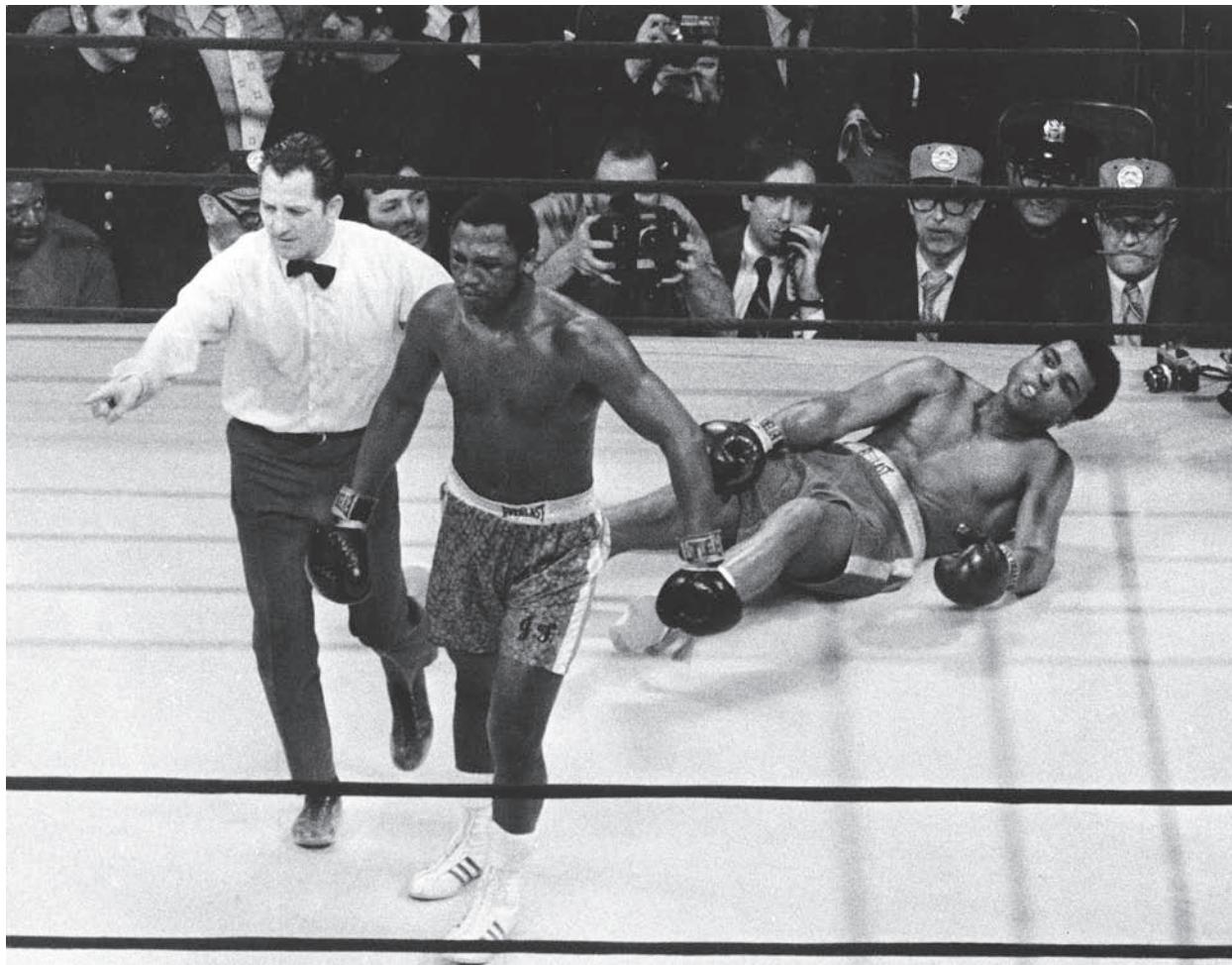
"I can't go nowhere where it's not mentioned," he told The Associated Press. "That was the greatest thing that ever happened in my life."

Bob Arum, who once promoted Ali, said he was saddened by Frazier's passing.

"He was such an inspirational guy. A decent guy. A man of his word," Arum said. "I'm torn up by Joe dying at this relatively young age. I can't say enough about Joe."

Frazier's death was announced in a statement by his family, who asked to be able to grieve privately and said they would announce "our father's homecoming celebration" as soon as possible.

Manny Pacquiao learned of it shortly after he arrived in Las Vegas for his fight Saturday night with Juan Manuel Marquez. Like Frazier in his prime, Pacquiao has a powerful left hook that he has used in his remark-



In this March 8, 1971, file photo, Joe Frazier is directed to a corner by referee Arthur Marcante after Frazier knocked down Muhammad Ali during the 15th round of the title bout in Madison Square Garden in New York. AP

able run to stardom.

"Boxing lost a great champion, and the sport lost a great ambassador," Pacquiao said.

Don King, who promoted the Thrilla in Manila, was described by a spokesman as too upset to talk about Frazier's death.

Though slowed in his later years and his speech slurred by the toll of punches taken in the ring, Frazier was still active on the autograph circuit in the months before he died. In September he went to Las Vegas, where he signed autographs in the lobby of the MGM Grand hotel-casino shortly before Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s fight against Victor Ortiz.

An old friend, Gene Kilroy, visited with him and watched Frazier work the crowd.

"He was so nice to everybody," Kilroy said. "He would say to each of them, 'Joe Frazier, sharp as a razor, what's your name?'"

Frazier was small for a heavyweight, weighing just 205 pounds when he won the title by stopping Jimmy Ellis

in the fifth round of their 1970 fight at Madison Square Garden. But he fought every minute of every round going forward behind a vicious left hook, and there were few fighters who could withstand his constant pressure.

His reign as heavyweight champion lasted only four fights—including the win over Ali—before he ran into an even more fearsome slugger than himself. George Foreman responded to Frazier's constant attack by dropping him three times in the first round and three more in the second before their 1973 fight in Jamaica was waved to a close and the world had a new heavyweight champion.

Two fights later, he met Ali in a rematch of their first fight, only this time the outcome was different. Ali won a 12-round decision, and later that year stopped George Foreman in the Rumble in the Jungle in Zaire.

There had to be a third fight, though, and what a fight it was. With Ali's heavyweight title at stake, the two met in Manila in a fight that will long be seared in boxing history.

Frazier went after Ali round after round, landing his left hook with regularity as he made Ali backpedal around the ring. But Ali responded with left jabs and right hands that found their mark again and again. Even the intense heat inside the arena couldn't stop the two as they fought every minute of every round with neither willing to concede the other one second of the round.

"They told me Joe Frazier was through," Ali told Frazier at one point during the fight. "They lied," Frazier said, before hitting Ali with a left hook.

Finally, though, Frazier simply couldn't see and Futch would not let him go out for the 15th round. Ali won the fight while on his stool, exhausted and contemplating himself whether to go on.

It was one of the greatest fights ever, but it took a toll. Frazier would fight only two more times, getting knocked out in a rematch with Foreman eight months later before coming back in 1981 for an ill-advised fight with Jumbo Cummings.

"They should have both retired after the Manila fight," former AP boxing writer Ed Schuyler Jr. said. "They left every bit of talent they had in the ring that day."

Born in Beaufort, S.C., on Jan 12, 1944, Frazier took up boxing early after watching weekly fights on the black and white television on his family's small farm. He was a top amateur for several years, and became the only American fighter to win a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo despite fighting in the final bout with an injured left thumb.

"Joe Frazier should be remembered as one of the greatest fighters of all time and a real man," Arum told the AP in a telephone interview Monday night. "He's a guy that stood up for himself. He didn't compromise and always gave 100 percent in the ring. There was never a fight in the ring where Joe didn't give 100 percent."

After turning pro in 1965, Frazier quickly became known for his punching power, stopping his first 11 opponents. Within three years he was fighting world-class opposition and, in 1970, beat Ellis to win the heavyweight title that he would hold for more than two years.

A woman who answered Ellis' phone in Kentucky said the former champion suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, but she wanted to pass along the family's condolences.

In Philadelphia, a fellow Philadelphia fighter, longtime middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins, said Frazier was so big in the city that he should have his own statue, like the fictional Rocky character.

"I saw him at one of my car washes a few weeks ago. He was in a car, just hollering at us, 'They're trying to get me!'" Hopkins said. "I'm glad I got to see him in the last couple of months. At the end of the day, I respect the man. I believe at the end of his life, he was fighting to get that respect."

It was his fights with Ali that would define Frazier. Though Ali was gracious in defeat in the first fight, he was as vicious with his words as he was with his punches in promoting all three fights—and he never missed a chance to get a jab in at Frazier.

Frazier, who in his later years would have financial trouble and end up running a gym in his adopted hometown of Philadelphia, took the jabs personally. He felt Ali made fun of him by calling him names and said things that were not true just to get under his skin. Those feelings were only magnified as Ali went from being an icon in the ring to one of the most beloved people in the world.

After a trembling Ali lit the Olympic torch in 1996 in Atlanta, Frazier was asked by a reporter what he thought about it.

"They should have thrown him in," Frazier responded.

He mellowed, though, in recent years, preferring to remember the good from his fights with Ali rather than the bad. Just before the 40th anniversary of his win over Ali earlier this year—a day Frazier celebrated with parties in New York—he said he no longer felt any bitterness toward Ali, who suffers from Parkinson's Syndrom and is mostly mute.

"I forgive him," Frazier. "He's in a bad way."

Twins dismiss GM Smith, return Ryan as interim



MINNEAPOLIS

(AP)—The fallout from a 99-loss season for the Minnesota Twins has started with the firing of general manager Bill Smith.

Smith was dismissed Monday, when the Twins returned Terry Ryan to the role on an interim basis. Smith was Ryan's top assistant when Ryan stepped down in 2007, citing burnout, after holding the job for 13 years.

Widely recognized for their stability, class and ability to make the most out of a medium-range payroll, this was a startling move for the Twins despite the embarrassment and deep disappointment of the 2011 season following two straight AL Central titles.

This is the first time since the fran-

chise moved from Washington to Minnesota in 1961 the Twins have fired a general manager. Calvin Griffith was the owner and general manager until selling the team in 1984. Andy MacPhail became the fulltime successor, leaving for a prime job with the Chicago Cubs, and Ryan followed him.

Ryan's moves helped turn the Twins from one of the worst teams in baseball in the mid-90s to one of the best the next decade. They won four division titles over Ryan's last five full seasons, without spending much money in free agency and instead drafting and developing their core players.

Shrewd trades were part of his success, too, fetching Cristian Guzman and Eric Milton for Chuck Knoblauch; getting Nick Punto and Carlos

Silva for Milton; and landing Francisco Liriano and Joe Nathan for A.J. Pierzynski.

Smith's decisions haven't turned out as well, dealing Johan Santana, Matt Garza, J.J. Hardy and Delmon Young for little production in return. Japanese shortstop Tsuyoshi Nishioka, the headliner acquisition last winter, was hurt for much of the season and a bust at the plate and in the field.

"No one in the Twins' organization wants to win any more than Bill," Twins owner Jim Pohlad said in a statement. "He is unquestionably loyal, committed and talented. The Twins' goal is to get better in 2012 and beyond. Bill was equally motivated to achieve that goal, but we differed in the scope and approach that was required."

Magic Johnson still beating HIV 20 years later

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If Magic Johnson had known just how well he could live with HIV, he wouldn't have retired from the Lakers on Nov. 7, 1991.

Johnson would never change what he did for the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic when he publicly revealed his diagnosis to a stunned world. His courage that day, along with two subsequent decades of vibrant living, forever altered attitudes about the virus and its effects.

Magic is simply glad the world knows such happy endings are possible with access to treatment and vigilance.

"At that time, it was the right decision," Johnson said Monday on the 20th anniversary of his stunning retirement. "If I knew what I knew today, that I could still play basketball and do my thing, I probably wouldn't have retired. But I'm a guy that doesn't have regrets. I don't look back. I'm happy, because I wanted to be here a long time. We made the right call at that time."

Johnson recognized the occasion at Staples Center on Monday with an upbeat celebration and a message of steadfastness. Dozens of politicians, celebrities and Lakers greats from Jerry West and Pat Riley to James Worthy and Michael Cooper joined Johnson and AIDS researcher David Ho for a luncheon, and the Magic Johnson Foundation announced a \$1 million gift to continue its mission for worldwide HIV awareness and testing.

Two decades after his shocking admission and quick retirement at 32,



Earvin "Magic" Johnson, second from left, with his wife Cookie, far left, with NBA Coach Pat Riley, and his wife Chris, present the Magic Johnson Foundation foundation with a one million dollar check at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011. Far right is Lakers owner, Dr. Jerry Buss.

Johnson's doctors say he's a 52-year-old specimen of health, comfortably managing HIV with a daily regimen of drugs and exercise.

While he once took upwards of 15 pills several times a day, he now requires just a few daily medications. He rises around 5 a.m. each day for a vigorous workout—everything from stretching and running to Tae Bo—before spending his days overseeing his large business empire.

Yet Johnson worries his

strong health could encourage complacency, and he sees the anniversary of his historic announcement as a call to renew dedication to the cause.

"I often say I'm good for the virus, and bad for it," Johnson said. "Good because I'm doing well, and that I can go out and try and raise the awareness level, get people to go get tested ... but on the flip side of that, people see that I'm doing well, so they've kind of relaxed on HIV and AIDS. People think that now if they

get the virus, they'll do well, but a couple million will die this year."

While Johnson mostly remembers a feeling of confidence derived from the unflinching support of his wife, Cookie, on the day of his announcement, his fellow Lakers have no trouble recalling the shock and confusion they felt 20 years ago.

"It stunned me, and I think I was only semi-conscious," Lakers owner Jerry Buss said. "The whole day is just like a

getaway.

blur in my mind. I remember Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) had to assist me. I don't think I had enough blood in the brain."

Worthy remembers the Lakers being sent from practice at Loyola Marymount to the Forum, with no idea why. The power forward wondered whether West was retiring from his executive job, or perhaps Johnson was seriously injured after missing the previous week of practice.

"When he announced, it was a reality check, because at that time, it could have been anybody," Worthy said. "A lot of people started to wonder about themselves, especially people who had never been tested before. ... He's taught us all a valuable lesson. Back in the early '90s, you thought it was a death (sentence). You thought it was over. To see him put meaning on a disease that only had one meaning, that was great."

Ho, a pioneering researcher who grew up in Los Angeles idolizing West and Elgin Baylor, said he met Johnson "on one of his darkest days" after his diagnosis. Ho has always been impressed by Johnson's upbeat willingness to acknowledge his condition, using himself to raise funds for research and treatment.

Ho also shot down the long-held suspicion that Johnson easily managed the virus because his wealth and celebrity gave him access to preferential treatment. Johnson's condition is "quite typical" at this point in the virus' treatment, he said.

"All of us working in the field are grateful to him and his foundation for doing so,

because this is a plague that continues to rage," Ho said. "Because of therapeutic success, there is too much complacency in this country about this pandemic. We still need to develop new and better drugs. We have drugs that control HIV, but we don't have a cure, so research must continue."

Johnson famously couldn't stay away from basketball after his retirement, spreading the truth about HIV transmission to players and fans who sometimes balked at his participation. He was the MVP of the 1992 All-Star game and won a gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics before briefly coaching the Lakers in 1994 and returning to the court for 32 games in 1996, finally retiring in uniform.

Johnson is now a hugely successful businessman, a basketball commentator, a doting husband and a grandfather to his son Andre's two children. Yet he's still raising money and awareness, always working to create the same limitless future for others.

"The only problem is, I would be happier if the numbers in the black and brown communities would go down," Johnson said, citing the majority of each year's 60,000 new U.S. cases of HIV in minority communities. "There's been millions of people that have died since I announced 20 years ago, and so this is a bittersweet day. Yes, I'm living, but people are still getting this virus even as we speak. We must change the mindset, and we must do a better job educating those who live in urban America about this disease."



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Matt Forte was standing on the sideline after losing two fumbles and Chicago faced a fourth-quarter deficit.

No problem for Jay Cutler and these resilient Bears.

Cutler threw a go-ahead 5-yard TD pass to Earl Bennett, Forte ran for 133 yards and the Bears rallied to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 30-24 on Monday night.

"We cannot afford to fall behind against anyone in this league, so we needed a good start," said Forte, who had 374 touches without losing a fumble.

"We had that, and even with that fast start, we still fell behind against that team. But we stayed focused and recovered. We tried not to worry about the past, and just focus on the next play. For us, that is the key."

It was a crushing loss for Michael Vick and the Eagles (3-5), who blew a fourth-quarter lead for the fourth time this season. Jeremy Maclin fell down and was tackled at the Chicago 30 after a 9-yard catch on fourth-and-10 with just under two min-

utes left, and the Bears ran out the clock.

The defending NFC East champions trail the New York Giants (6-2) by three games.

"We need to keep getting better," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We have to continue to work hard and learn from our mistakes."

Chicago (5-3) won its third straight game, but remains third in the NFC North behind Green Bay (8-0) and Detroit (6-2). The Bears entered as an 8-point underdog despite coming off a bye.

After LeSean McCoy's 33-yard touchdown run following Forte's second fumble gave the Eagles a 24-17 lead in the third quarter, the Bears answered with 13 straight points.

Robbie Gould kicked a 38-yard field goal to cut it to 24-20, and then Chicago's defense forced a punt after three plays.

The Bears took advantage. A pass interference penalty on Nnamdi Asomugha at the Eagles 7 prolonged the drive. The defense stiffened and Gould hit a 22-yarder to extend the lead to 30-24.

Cutler rallies Bears past Eagles, 30-24

Jackson and Jeremy Maclin and all of the plays that they can make," Bennett said of Philadelphia's standout receivers. "So, we just wanted to go out there, make some plays, and prove the critics wrong."

The Eagles reached the Bears 42 on their next drive. On fourth-and-6, punter Chas Henry bounced a pass to a wide-open Colt Anderson and Chicago took over.

Henry, recruited as a quarterback at Florida, spent a lot of time throwing passes to long snapper Jon Dorenbos on the sideline in the second quarter, presumably warming up for the fake punt. He got his chance and badly underthrew the pass.

"Pretty seldom do we have a guy completely uncovered and have a chance to make a big play. We didn't execute," Reid said.

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"All you ever hear is DeSean

Trent Cole knocked the ball loose from Forte following a 6-yard run midway through the third quarter, and Mike Patterson recovered at the Bears 41. Forte was originally ruled down, but the play was overturned when the Eagles challenged.

Two plays later, McCoy sprinted down the left side and into the end zone to score for the eighth straight game, tying Hall of Famer Steve Van Buren's club record.

In a matchup featuring two of the game's best running backs, Forte outplayed McCoy except for the two fumbles.

McCoy had 71 yards rushing.

The Eagles tied it at 17 on Ronnie Brown's 4-yard TD run that capped an 80-yard drive to open the second half. The TD was Brown's first since joining the Eagles. Brown was one of six former Pro Bowl players acquired by Philadelphia in the offseason. He hadn't made much of a contribution and was traded to Detroit last month only to have the deal voided because

Jerome Harrison didn't pass a physical.

The Bears took a 17-10 half-time lead on Marion Barber's 2-yard TD run after a costly fumble by Jackson.

Jackson, a Pro Bowl punt returner, was stripped by Corey Graham and the Bears recovered at the Eagles 9 with a minute left in the second quarter.

A roughing-the-passer penalty

on Jason Babineau gave Chicago a first down at the Eagles 2 after Cutler threw an incomplete pass on third down. Barber then ran in from the 2.

Cutler threw a 5-yard TD pass to Matt Spaeth and Gould kicked a 51-yard field goal to help the Bears build an early 10-0 advantage.

Rookie Alex Henery kicked a career-best 47-yard field goal for the Eagles, and the defense made a big play on Chicago's ensuing series late in the second quarter.

Forte caught a short pass from Cutler, but Brian Rolle punched the ball out. Rolle picked it up and ran 22 yards for a TD that tied it at 10.

After struggling badly against the run the first five weeks, the Eagles improved in the past two games. They allowed just 127 yards rushing combined in wins against Washington and Dallas.

Helped by a pass interference call on Major Wright that kept their second drive going, the Eagles reached the Bears 19 early in the second quarter. But Vick made a poor throw into double coverage that was picked off by Wright, who returned it 36 yards to the Bears 48.

The teams met for the fifth straight year. Chicago has won four of those games. Beloved former Eagles coach Buddy Ryan was honored at halftime.

Vick was 21 of 38 for 213 yards and one interception. He fell to 0-4 as a starter against the Bears.

Cutler was 18 of 32 for 208 yards and two TDs.

Ryan, who is battling cancer, was Chicago's defensive coordinator during their Super Bowl championship season in 1985. He came to Philadelphia the next season and led the Eagles to the playoffs from 1988-90.

Ryan got a loud ovation and fans chanted "Buddy! Buddy!"

GCA completes undefeated run in boys volleyball

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MISO The Grace Christian Academy Eagles capped a perfect 12-0 season as the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's boys volleyball regular season came to a close Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

GCA swept the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays in all three sets, 25-16, 25-16, and 15-12.

GCA received a bye in the double-elimination postseason tournament with the win, while SSHS finished the year in sixth place with a 3-9 win-loss record.

The tournament's playoffs is set to run from Nov. 16 to 17. Wednesday's games will be held at the MHS gym and start at 3pm, while Thursday's matches tip off at 4pm at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, the Kagman High School Ayuyus finished the regular season on a high note, downing the MHS QT's in a tiebreaker match for third place in the standings.



A Grace Christian Academy player, seen here in a file photo, goes for a deep spike in a recent MISO boys volleyball game against Kagman High School held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

In the tiebreaker, KHS took the opening set, 25-20, but the QT's regrouped and won the second set, 25-19, to force a deciding final set.

In the end, KHS buckled down

to work in the clutch to get the nod, 15-11, and along with it the second seed in the playoffs.

KHS finished with a 7-5 slate, while the QT's (6-6) settled for a fourth place seat in the tourney.

players to play solid games in two or three sets to avoid another collapse.

"Against SIS, we have to play heads up volleyball right at the very beginning of the match. We have to be confident, but not too confident. SIS is a strong team and we have to be consistent with our game to win this time," said Robles, who gathered her players right after the win over CCA and told them to attend today's practice in preparation for the do-or-die finals tomorrow.

The Eagles had an easier time against Calvary in the first set of the second semis match, as James Libut, Angelo Salas, and Dae Min Jeon teamed up

in the frontline to lift GCA to a 10-point win. Other members of the team are Khemner Sugue, Jun Kitagawa, Anthony Borja, Romar Bulong, Ira Batallones, Jazmin Rayphand, Julie Muna, Zena Demapan, Michiko Tenorio, and Chrystal Cristobal.

In the second set, Robles decided to field her second and third stringers and Calvary capitalized on the absence of Jeon and Libut to take control of the game. The Sharks managed to lead by as much as three points, 11-8 and 18-15, forcing GCA to call two timeouts early.

Jeon and other GCA starters returned midway in the second set, but despite their presence,

Other competing teams include second-ranked Saipan International School Geckos (10-2), fifth-ranked MHS Awesome Fins (4-8), and seventh-place MHS KFC Fins (0-12).

Calvary still played steady and led for the last time at 19-18, off Salas' wide return.

Jeon then went for a kill to tie the game and the match was still in a stalemate, 20-all, after GCA committed a service error in the ensuing play.

Salas made up for his earlier booboo after blocking a spike from Calvary to put GCA ahead, 21-20 and then Jeon followed it up with back-to-back kills to move the Eagles within two points from winning the semis tiff.

GCA made it a 24-20 tally when Calvary was called for an error at the net and the Eagles wrapped up the game with Jeon setting up Libut for a spike.

outclassed Geeks, 27-17; and Roc It slipped past Lay Low, 32-26. Geeks' lone victory came from a 30-17 trashing of the G-Sparks in Week 2, while Roc It and Give-a-Hoot also won over Just-do-It, 37-29, and Lay Low, 36-28, respectively, in the second round. Dream Team gained a share of the No. 2 spot with a 29-24 triumph over Balls of Fury in Week 2.

Meanwhile, Damart Teregeyo of Give-a-Hoot became

the first "master blaster" of the fall season. A player earns the master blaster tag if he has scored at least one ace, xunk, jam, kee, and goal. Teregeyo has tallied five xunks, five aces, two kees, one goal, and one jam.

In other individual statistics, Teachers' Tyce Mister has scored the most jams with two. A jam is made when a player intercepted a low serve and spiked it down to the opposing

team's court untouched. In the service and xunks categories, The Geeks' Jonathan Ignacio is ahead with eight and three, respectively. Nick Gross of the Teachers leads the league in kees with seven, while Lay Low's Icemar Somorang has scored the most goals so far with three. A goal is scored when the attacking teams hits the ball and it went in to the soccer goal located past the backline.

Independents also played last Monday and bowed to Shirley's FC. Lalaine Pagarao made the lone goal in the game.

For the non-competitive games results, sister teams MP United 1 and 2 collided last Monday with the former prevailing, 4-1, while Paire edged MHS, 1-0.

Akane Imaya, Mel Demapan, Julien Estopado, and Lydia Tan converted one goal apiece for MP United 1, while Laarni Zapanta scored the only goal for MP United 2.

In the Paire-MHS tiff, Temary

Gramlich made it to the scoreboard to give Paire the win.

The victory was Paire's third, as it notched two wins in the opening week of the fall league. In the opener on Oct. 31, Paire downed Independents, 1-0, with Gramlich also scoring the only goal for the winning squad. In their second game on Nov. 3, it was Maria Ornes' turn to lift Paire to a 1-0 triumph over Tan Holdings FC.

Before losing to Paire, Tan Holdings had a rousing debut in the fall league after shutting out MP United 1, 4-0. Lina

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Dela Cruz, Norita top XGA monthly tournaments

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Joey Dela Cruz and Ned Norita earned Ace of the Month honors after the conclusion of the X-Clusive Golf Association's recent October and November events.

Norita was crowned the November Ace in last Saturday's event held at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Norita hit the turn at 2 over par (38) and managed a 41 on the back nine for a gross score of 79. His 12-handicap adjusted out to a 67 net score.

Dela Cruz ended up topping the field, three strokes ahead of Benavente Jr., who grossed an even 80 before the handicap adjustment.

Gerald Guerrero took a 42 on the front and finished the back with a 45 for a gross 87 that worked out into a 71 net score.

John Reyes posted a 44 on the front to go with a 42 on the back for an 86 gross count, and while his 16-handicap gave him a 70 net tally, he settled for second place. Reyes was out of the running anyways as he won April Ace honors earlier in the season.

Meanwhile, Park Yong started out with a 43 on the front nine and finished with a 46 on the backside to scratch an 89 gross card and finished third



X-Clusive Golf Association members Ned Norita, left, and Joey Dela Cruz were recognized as Aces of the Month for the November and October, respectively.

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second-ranked amateur before joining the Association of Volleyball Professionals in 2000, and 10 years later he is still considered as one of the Top 100 players in the USA.

The NMIVA clinic, meanwhile, is set from 8am to 10am and will be conducted by CNMI national team coach Russ Quinn

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East

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PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF
New England	5	3	0	.625	222 184
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	199 163
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	222 174
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138 169

South

Houston	6	3	0	.667	236 157
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	156 169
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	98 163
Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	128 283

North

Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	195 140
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	208 130
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	196 162
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	119 170

West

Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	131 201
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	199 204
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	184 216
Denver	3	5	0	.375	171 224

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East

N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	198 184
Dallas	4	4	0	.500	179 175
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203 182
Washington	3	5	0	.375	127 158

South

New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	287 205
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	189 170
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	147 196
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	187 207

North

Green Bay	8	0	0	1.000	275 179
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	239 147
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	200 174
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172 199

West

San Francisco	7	1	0	.875	206 118
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	122 185
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	162 196
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125	100 211

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It will be payback time for Grace Christian Academy, as it earned a title rematch with Saipan International School, following a semis victory over Calvary Christian Academy in varsity division of the 2011-2012 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Whispering Palms court.

 The Eagles swept the Sharks, 25-15, 25-20, to book the second and last finals ticket in the varsity division. The SIS Geckos notched the first finals berth after beating Mt. Carmel School

last Monday. The winner-take-all varsity finale will be played tomorrow at Whispering Palms with GCA hoping to avenge its loss to SIS last season.

The Geckos stunned the Eagles in

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Aim Low, Teachers still unbeaten



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Give-a-Hoot's Damart Teregoy, seen here in a file photo going for a return in last fall's Rocball league, became the first master blaster this year.

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 Round three of the 2011 Rocball Fall League was already in the books with Aim Low and Teachers keeping their undefeated records intact after last week's games at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Aim Low holds a 3-0 card after Week 3, following a 34-23 juiced-out win over Give-a-Hoot. It was Aim Low's second straight juiced-out victory, as it also defeated Alpha Q, 37-13, in Week 2. Teachers also own a 3-0 record after prevailing over Balls of Fury, 38-12.

Teachers and Aim Low have a one-game lead over Alpha Q, Dream Team, Give-a-Hoot, and Roc It, which

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Grace Christian Academy's Angelo Salas, right, goes for a block during the second set of their semis game against Calvary Christian Academy in the varsity division of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the Whispering Palms court.

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Women's futsal fall league draws 12 teams

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 The 2011 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League kicked off last week with 12 teams joining the competition at the Saipan Soccer School pitch.

The 12 participating teams are divided into two groups with Independents FC, MP United, Shirley's FC, and Paire FC comprising the competitive field and Paire FC, Independents FC, Marianas High School, Matansa, Tan Holdings, Shirley's, and MP United 1 and 2 playing in the non-competitive division.

Games are played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with teams in the competitive division playing at



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Paire's Temary Gramlich, left, tries to steal the ball from an MHS striker during their game in the NMIFA women's futsal league last Monday night at the Saipan Soccer School pitch.

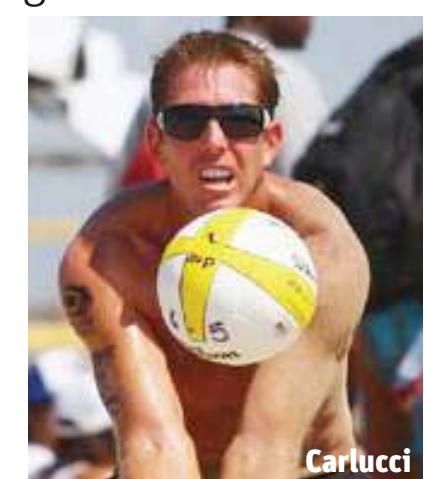
AVP pro Carlucci to grace NMIVA clinic

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 California native and Association of Volleyball Professionals veteran Jeff Carlucci will be featured in the Northern Marianas Islands Volleyball Association's free volleyball clinic this Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa beachside.

The 6'6" Carlucci is a former tennis standout until he was introduced to volleyball during his senior year of high school.

Surprisingly, in just his first year Carlucci led his team to a division title, was selected as the MVP of the league, made first-team California Interscholastic Federation, was selected as a "Fab-50" player, was a Mizuno All-American player, and even won the



1997 Junior Olympics. Carlucci went on to win back-to-back championships for Golden West College. He took up the beach volleyball scene in 1998 and by 1999 was deemed the

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